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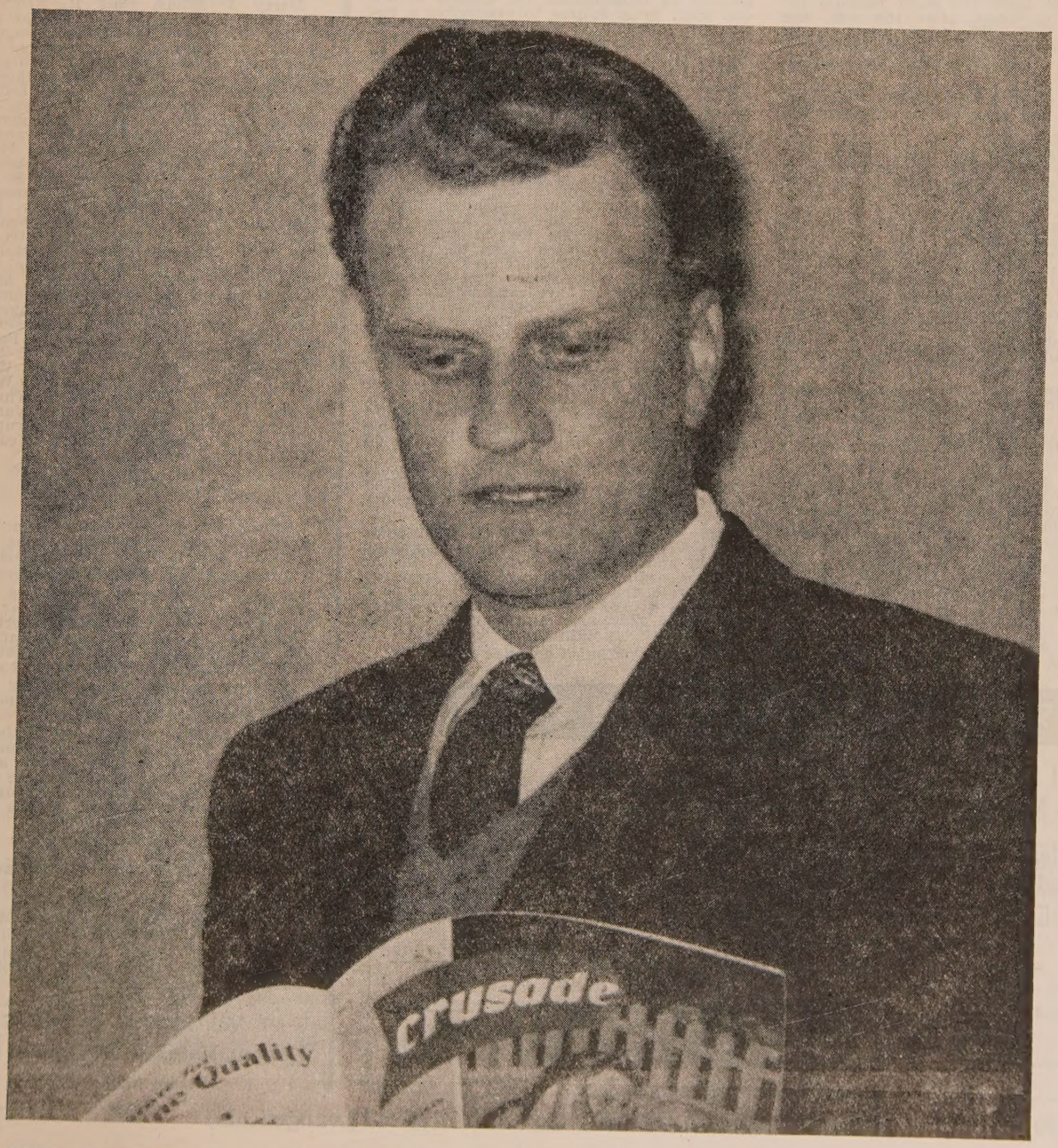

Billy Graham Examines First Issue of Britain's New Evangelical Magazine

Readers Say—

Let's Face It

To the Editor:

Dr. J. Elwin Wright's article entitled, "Let's Face It," in the international issue of *United Evangelical Action* (October 15, 1954) has so encouraged me that I am stirred to write on some of my urges that have been "itching" for some time. I fear this is going to be a long letter, but I would like to start where Dr. Wright left off. "Let's face it." Very well, now we are facing it—what next?

After reading the article I opened my Bible to Luke 16:8 and then dug up the July, 1954 *Reader's Digest* and read again the article on page 125, "To Solve That Problem." There is much in the article that should be of vital interest in this generation. In brief, it gives the main steps that American industrialists take in solving *their* problems. American industry has an enviable record for getting things done.

After Pearl Harbor, the Government said, "Build us a navy in two years." Now every one knows that it takes twenty years to build a navy. But American industry did it, and the only casualties were the traditionalists who knew the exact formula for building ships. Then, after the war, the Government said, "We have got to teach a lot of men Japanese in a few months." So, like the Little Red Hen, they did it. Why can't we?

The first step, as Dr. Wright so forcefully points out, is to accept that uncouth and unpleasant "got to."

The next step, or the first one that the industrialists find worth mentioning, is to *THINK*. Amazing! The article quotes John D. Rockefeller, who was chided because he was paying $50,000 a year to a man who "spends most of his time looking out the window." Said John D., "Now if you can look out a window and think the kind of thoughts that man thinks, I will pay you $50,000, too." If one man who can think constructively is worth $50,000 in cold cash to a hard-headed business firm, how about us giving a glance to this business of thinking persistently about our problem,"—in our case, the problem of evangelizing the world *right now*.

It is obvious, too, that if that particular kind of mind was worth $50,000 to Mr. Rockefeller, it does not grow on bushes. Nor is it vouchsafed to every man who has served long and faithfully on a mission board.

Moreover, the complexity of our problem calls not for just one man, but for a "Thinking Committee," (who would also do some "work"). One member would have to be someone who understood not only the strategies of the past but their reasons, so that he would know which strategies could be safely disregarded. *Somewhere on the scene should be a maverick who is not hampered by any knowledge at all about what can't be done.*

If I may say so, Christians are so used to being the "under dog" that they sometimes say, "Thy will be done" more out of laziness than from being concerned about what His will is.

American business men, on the other hand, are not as a class hampered by any such inhibitions. However, it is possible even for a Christian business man who has arrived somewhere near the top, to have lost some of his mental restlessness. Such men are scarce, especially when you start out with the principal qualification, a personal acquaintance with the Holy Spirit who teaches us all things.

The rest of this thinking strategy is to set aside some time each day, or each week, when everybody concerned just thinks. Doing it out loud and together is part of the prescription. Of course, the truest and most productive form of this is "waiting on the Lord," and is practiced at their own local level by most of the Christian boards which seem to lead the way in practice.

Out of this step of "thinking" grow all the others, only two of which I will mention: *DEFINE THE PROBLEM*. By means of a trick puzzle the article points out that almost invariably we hedge about our problems with imaginative conditions that do not exist at all. Is our problem to find and finance 75 missionaries for Ceylon within one year, or is it just to evangelize a nucleus of nationals in Ceylon and assist the nationals in creating an indigenous church—maybe using four or six missionaries, ten national evangelists and hundreds of national laymen equipped with victrolas and records? Or, is it to provide counsel and instruction to the national church, help them plan campaigns, and furnish some equipment? Exactly what is it that we are trying to do?

The questions that should be shot back to such a thinking committee are endless. Why do graduates of certain Bible schools have more than the usual number of nervous breakdowns on the field? Must a missionary spend all his life in one field? What about the present rash of "teams" speaking through interpreters? Why do some missions have money and no candidates while others have candidates and no money? Can we find out what becomes of the youth who, at one time or another, have dedicated their lives to Christ? Does God really want so many of them in this country? If not, is their staying necessarily a sign of cooling dedication?

Or, are they asking questions of their own, such as: Just what do missionaries do? Is it anything that I could do? Is Bible school really impossible for me? Where do I start?

Perhaps out of these questions would grow a personal follow-up and counselling service similar to the Presbyterian's "under the care of presbytery."

Why do Gospel Recordings, with some made-over houses for a factory and shipping offices and three recording teams on the field recording Gospel messages in every language of the world (their goal) state now that it will take two years to record all the languages they now have on tape unless they can find a fulltime worker trained in

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THE CHRISTIAN TASK "...Into All the World..."

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THE world is my parish," said John Wesley, the ardent evangelist of the eighteenth century. This was no mere idle boast. Pretentious though it may seem, the claim may also be made by every servant of God who shares the Divine vision of the world's need and the Divine passion for the world's salvation.

In His interpretation of the parable of "the Wheat and the Tares," the Master explained that "the field is the world"—men and women of every race, every color, every tongue and every clime. This is the world which God so loved; for which the Redeemer died; over which the Spirit yearns; and which the great adversary is seeking to destroy. And this is the field into which the Lord of the harvest thrusts forth His co-laborers, seeking their co-operation in the gathering in of a people for His name. Every Christian, therefore, can truly say: "The world is my field—my parish!"

Vision

In His last words to His followers ere He left the earth, the Risen Lord shared with them His vision of the world and gave them His commission: "Go ye into all the world" . . . "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost parts of the earth." But although more than nineteen hundred years have passed since these words were uttered, the Divine commission has not yet been fulfilled. This challenging fact brings us face to face with the unfinished task of the Church—the Evangelization of the World.

A brief glance at a few statistics will reveal how much of the task still remains to be done. The population of the world today is approximately 2,400,000,000. Of this number more than half are said to be totally un-

evangelized; and only about one-third are followers of the Christian religion. We are told that every day on an average some 240,000 births are registered and that the number of deaths every twenty-four hours is about 170,000. This means that some 63,000 people must be reached with the Gospel daily, in order to keep up with the increase.

A more detailed study of some of the countries of the world will help us to realize how stupendous the Church's unfinished task is. It is said that if 1,000 missionaries were to arrive in India today, each one would have a parish of his own of at least 500 villages, where Christ has never been proclaimed. Almost 350 million people in that vast territory are wholly unevangelized. If they were to be lined up and placed a yard apart, they would cover 113,536 miles, and it would take five months to drive past them travelling night and day at a speed of thirty miles an hour, without stopping for fuel.

Almost one-fifth of the world's population inhabits the four million square miles of the Republic of China. We are told that if a revival broke out in that land, and, as at Pentecost, 3,000 were converted every day, continuing daily, it would take 400 years to win all the Chinese people.

In Latin America, it is estimated that sixty million people are still unreached with the Gospel. To talk to this group of people, one every five minutes, twenty-four hours a day, would take 570 years. In Brazil alone, it is said there are over 300 tribes still unevangelized; not to mention a further 700 in other parts of the world.

Vocation

Yet the evangelization of the world is the Church's supreme mission. The task is indeed a staggering one. If all the people in the world were gathered together where they could be preached to at the rate of 500 every day, and every twenty-four hours the auditorium were emptied for a new group of 500, it would take approximately 5,450 years to preach to this vast multitude.

And the task seems even more difficult when we remember that of the 2,796 languages in use, only 1,134 of them have translations of the Scriptures: 195 having the whole Bible, 252 the New Testament, 602 at least a whole book, and 85 some portion or selection. Some 240 million people have no portion whatsoever of the Scriptures in their own tongue, Moreover, fifty-five per cent of the inhabitants of the world are illiterate and could not read the Bible even if they had it.

The missionary staff, too, is altogether inadequate for the task in hand. In 1953, Christian missionaries laboring in all parts of the world totalled 18,004, the equivalent numerically of the full maintenance crews of only six of the largest aircraft carriers afloat. This averages about 139,000 non-Christians per worker—no small parish for the ablest of men!

All this may seem to be very discouraging; and yet by a simple multiplication it has been shown that the world might be won for Christ within the lifetime of a single generation. If there were only one hundred Christians in the world today, and every year each one gained another, in the course of twenty-five years the whole population of the globe would at least be nominally Christian. The most effective form of evangelism is undoubtedly personal witness, or "gossiping the Gospel."

* The first in a series of missionary surveys by W. T. T. Millham, appearing in *Crusade,* published under the auspices of our associate, the Evangelical Alliance, 30 Bedford Place, London W. C. 1.

Venture

The Student Volunteer Movement had for its motto fifty years ago: "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation"; and many a Christian youth went forth at the urge of the Master's "Go." But no real attempt has ever been made by the Christian Church to convert the vision into reality. It has yet to be proved that with thorough organization and practical cooperation, the Gospel can be preached for a witness to every creature within the lifetime of a generation.

Two stirring examples are used by the late Dr. A. T. Pierson to illustrate the possibility of world evangelization in a comparatively short period of time. The first takes us back to the Old Testament book of Esther. Hundreds of years before Christ—says Dr. Pierson—Mordecai issued a decree in the name of King Ahasuerus. It was on the 23rd day of the 3rd month, Sivan, that the King's scribes were called to put the decree in writing. It was addressed to the Jews, lieutenants, deputies and rulers of 127 provinces, which reached from India to Ethiopia. It had to be translated into the language of each province and promulgated with haste. There were no facilities such as printing presses, postal union, telegraphs, railroads or steamships. Every copy had to be transcribed by hand, and the messengers had to travel as fast as horses and mules, camels and dromedaries could carry them. And yet through all those 127 provinces the decree was published on the 13th day of the 12th month, Adar. In less than nine months the King's message was carried throughout his wide domain.

Dr. Pierson's second example is taken from more recent English history. An English preacher once asked some British soldiers: "If Queen Victoria were to issue a proclamation, and placing it in the hands of the Army and Navy, were to say: 'Go ye into all the world and proclaim it to every creature,' how long do you think it would take?" One of these brave fellows, accustomed to obey orders without hesitation or delay and at peril of life, promptly answered: "Well, I think we could manage it in about eighteen months."

Volunteers

And yet the Church of Christ, after 1954 years, has reached barely one half of the human race with the message of salvation. The other half are either under the sway of non-Christian religions, or are ignorant of or indifferent to the Gospel. But it is not only the vision of the world's tragic plight that God asks us to share, but of His own poignant loss, as He patiently waits with outstretched arms to welcome His wayward children. It is this picture of the Father's yearning love that makes missionary facts and figures stand out with such startling reality and gives such urgency to the Master's "Go."

At the present rate, we may well ask when the unfinished task of World Evangelization will be completed. While Radio broadcasting is speeding up world evangelism in a remarkable way and millions are hearing for the first time the Christian message, recruits are still urgently needed for the King's army. There is something that every individual Christian can do to hasten the completion of the task. It is true that all cannot go in person to "the uttermost parts of the earth," but each one can witness in his or her own particular sphere; and not only so, but by sympathetic interest, earnest prayer and sacrificial giving, all can be instruments of blessing in any part of the inhabited world. "The whole wide world for Jesus" is the song that should reecho in the heart of everyone who loves the Savior's name.

This Is World Evangelical Fellowship

Focus of International Cooperation

IT WAS inevitable that the Twentieth Century Movement for Evangelical Cooperation should become worldwide and not be confined to America. The urge for the unity of believers in Christ is worldwide. It must find expression in mutual fellowship and concern for the need of those who wait for the deliverance that only the Gospel can bring.

The first significant modern movement for fellowship among believers was organized in Great Britain in 1843. It was called the Evangelical Alliance. It spread to the continent and the United States but later became inactive here. Then came the more recent organization of the National Association of Evangelicals in 1943, after exploratory conferences in 1941 and 1942. Steps were taken internationally in the conference in Clarens, Switzerland in 1948, in Hildenborough, England, and in Boston, USA in 1950. Out of these came World Evangelical Fellowship, organized in Woudschoten, Holland, in 1951 by delegates from twenty-four countries. The next WEF conference met in Clarens, Switzerland in 1953. The third international meeting is planned for Barrington, Rhode Island, August 27-31, 1956.

The following national fellowships, fully autonomous, are now included in the membership of WEF (and others are in process of organization); Ceylon, Cyprus, Formosa, France, Great Britain, Greece, Hawaii, India, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, and the United States, Belgium and Indonesia being associate fellowships.

The movement is not a Council of Churches but purely a fellowship for mutual helpfulness. Its mutual interests are cleared through its executive committee, composed of members elected at its second plenary conference: *President,* Lieut. General Sir Arthur Smith, of Great Britain; *Vice-Presidents*: Rev. J. Bordreuil, of France, Dr. E. L. Cattell, of India, Dr. A. P. Guruswamy, of Ceylon, Direktor F. Heitmuller, of Germany, Rev. Hiroshi Kitagawa, of Japan, Rev. John Savage, of South America, Dr. Paul S. Rees, of USA. *Co-secretaries*: Mr. A. J. Dain, of Great Britain, Dr. J. Elwin Wright, of USA. *Treasurer,* Mr. John Bolten, of USA. *Chairmen of Commissions*: Evangelism, Dr. Harold John Ockenga, of USA, Literature, Dr. Rene Pache, of Switzerland, Social Action, Rt. Rev. Hugh R. Gough, of England, Missions, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, of USA. Offices are maintained at 39 Ladbroke Grove, Holland Park, London 11, England and 120 Tremont Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts, USA.

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Evangelical Strategy At the World Level

J. ELWIN WRIGHT

Co-Secretary of the World Evangelical Fellowship

A FEW days after the publication of the 1954 international edition of *Action* magazine (October 15, 1954), I received one of the most interesting comments of the many that were provoked by the article entitled, "Let's Face It—Our World Strategy Must Be Changed." It has been held in my active file until now, and is reproduced in part in this issue under "Readers Say" (p. 2). This letter is worthy of careful reading. The writer takes up the challenge with these words, " 'Let's face it.' Very well, now we are facing it, what next?"

We heartily agree that facing the problem of world evangelism is only the first of a series of steps that must be taken carefully, prayerfully, and unselfishly, if such progress is to be made. "Facing it" must be followed by original and constructive thinking and thinking must be followed by orderly and united preparation. Finally, preparation must be followed by action on all fronts.

But action must be more than peripheral and sporadic. That has been the principal cause of frustration and partial defeat in the progress of evangelical effort during the past generation. We have not been able to sing truthfully, "Onword, Christian soldiers —all one body we." We have complicated our own program by running off enthusiastically in a thousand different directions and doing things that are not calculated to lead us to eventual victory.

The burning question now is, are we still traveling in a circle, or have we broken into new ground? Is our progress being accelerated, or is the seeming greater activity of the present decade a "flash in the pan."

Personally, I believe we have reason for encouragement, while continuing to feel that the advances made are considerably less than satisfactory. Time is running out on us.

The following developments seem to be of unique, worldwide significance as we attempt to survey the over-all situation:

1. The fact that the Church of Jesus Christ is indeed one body, indivisible, living, and destined to conquer really seems to have laid hold of our consciousness and become more than a mere theory.

2. A good segment of the Christian Church really seems to have a conviction of the interdependence of believers in the fulfillment of their common task of world evangelism.

3. There are some signs that evangelicals are beginning to realize the necessity of returning, in fact as well as in theory, to the apostolic method of Gospel propagation—really indigenous churches.

WEF LEADERS

Left: Lt. Gen. Sir Arthur Smith, WEF President, and (right) Dr. J. Elwin Wright, Co-Secretary.

Now our particular concern in relation to world evangelism is to find out whether evangelical cooperation, as represented in the World Evangelical Fellowship and its associated organizations across the world, has the vision and devotion to rise to the challenge of the present world situation.

To get the picture correctly we must remember that this world movement of believers is loosely organized, and intentionally so, and that in much of its work it does not flaunt an organizational banner. Its unity of action is spiritual, not particularly organizational.

We believe that revival must precede the bursting into full flower of evangelism across the world. And we believe, with equal conviction, that the great priorities in the successful propagation of the Gospel in this generation are:

1. The development of adequately prepared leadership throughout the world, country by country and with the committal to these national leaders of the responsibility for the conservation and propagation of the Christian faith within their own homelands;

2. The much greater use of the printed page, radio, and television for the propagation of the message; and

3. The concentration by "saturation" efforts on situations which are "ripe" for spiritual advance.

Under the first heading, note what has happened in this very decade. Not only have schools in America, devoted to the training of Christian leadership, increased amazingly in number and enrollment, but the same thing is happening in many other countries. The largest seminary in the world is not in America. It is in Korea, and it was organized less than ten years ago. A college in South India, now in its fourth year, has an enrollment of about 700 students and could have twice that number if they had any place to put the students. Another Christian college in the same area is beginning its third year with an enrollment of more than three hundred.

The Orient was almost without schools of higher learning committed to a clear Gospel testimony before World War II. Now, within the last three years, such institutions as Union Biblical Seminary in India, the Japan Christian College, the Formosa Christian College, the Singapore Theological

Seminary, and the Honolulu Christian College have opened their doors, or have reorganized on an interdenominational basis, and are becoming significant.

In other situations, in schools which are church-related and others which are interdenominational but which are not formally reckoned as fully evangelical in doctrine, there has been a great swing toward a vigorous evangelical testimony. This is true of several in India, where real revival seems to be breaking.

Secondly, concerted action in the field of literature is under way in unexpected places. *The Africa Challenge* is pioneering in the field of periodicals for the masses and rapidly building a great circulation. A committee of evangelical leaders is exploring the possibility of a magazine with a similar purpose for Southeast Asia. Another one may soon appear in South America.

A significant conference of leaders of many organizations which met in Costa Rica within the year has sparked a new vigorous movement for more Gospel literature for all Spanish America, including plans for evangelical bookstores in every country.

World Evangelical Fellowship has already had a great part in the building of adequate libraries for Christian schools in every part of the world. Thus far, over 80,000 volumes have been sent out to nearly a hundred schools in over thirty countries.

The first world conference on missionary radio was held this summer at Moody Bible Institute. It was attended by 115 delegates representing radio work on five continents.

Much more could be said if space allowed, but the point of it all is this, that our evangelical movement is no longer considered insignificant. Startling new advances seem in immediate prospect, as we learn the techniques of cooperative effort in spreading the Gospel message.

But this is not all. Because of new attitude of faith and expectation among evangelicals, the unregenerate world is "bending an ear" to find out what is happening. Religion is today the "hottest" subject of our greatest secular periodicals, and, please God, this is only the beginning.

Evangelical Sharing

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WE ALL are well aware of the purposes of the many annual appeals for giving to worthy causes, such as the Red Cross, March of Dimes, Cancer Fund, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, CARE, and other causes. As good citizens, most of us support one or more of these as a matter of course.

Has it occurred to you that there has never been an annual appeal for a fund to be used exclusively for *the basic needs of the Christian Church as a whole in its mission of bringing the Gospel to those who have never heard it?*

All these other causes are either for the benefit of health, physical security, or civic welfare. Even a very large percentage of the funds raised by and for denominational distribution are channeled to relief and other objectives in which direct evangelism is a minor consideration. And yet the particular and paramount responsibility of all Christians (and one which is not going to be shared by unbelievers) is the propagagation of the Gospel.

Quite obviously, the duty of every Christian is first of all to support the particular church of which he is a member, together with its outreach through its missionary benevolences. But beyond this the evangelicals of the world have a responsibility of which multitudes are yet unaware. There should be, as someone suggested recently, an international Red Cross for spiritual emergencies — providing the sort of help which will assist the sum total of evangelical effort in all countries, as a necessary supplement to the present work of the various missions and churches.

Well informed evangelical leaders are convinced that recognition of these "over all" needs, accompanied by measures to provide for them through an annual appeal to all Christians, will result in greatly speeding up the work of world-wide evangelism.

If you are not aware that these needs exist, let me cite a few of importance:

One. The need of translating and publishing certain basic Bible study volumes, such as concordances, Bible dictionaries, commentaries, biographies and devotional books in several of the languages most widely spoken. For instance, there is no Bible dictionary presently available in the French language. Such a dictionary would be a great help to every school, church and pastor in French speaking areas.

Two. The need of a popular periodical beamed to the masses in such countries as India, Japan, and areas with a large overseas Chinese population, which would be highly informative of current events and, at the same time, definitely evangelical in content. Communism floods the world with its propaganda while we are asleep to the importance of the basic evangelical literature.

Three. The need of hundreds of thousands of sound evangelical books on all levels of education for the shockingly inadequate libraries of Christian schools in overseas countries.

Four. The need of Christian colleges in several strategic locations *which will specialize in training young people for active Christian service,* either in the church or in business and professional vocations. There has been, to the present time, no college of this type on the continents of Africa or Asia. There is little point in spending vast sums for Christian schools on the elementary or secondary levels if we do not follow through by providing Christian education on the college level instead of forcing these young people to go to college where many will lose their faith.

Five. The need of seminaries. Both colleges and seminaries, if they are to be on a high scholastic level, require more funds than can ordinarily be provided by one denomination. Collaboration on the part of all evangelicals is essential if well trained national leadership is to be provided. Sending young people to the United States or Europe for higher education is usually not the best answer.

Six. The need of available funds for the rehabilitation of church leaders in situations like that of Korea and Viet Nam at the present time. This is a problem quite distinct from that of relief and is of great importance to the

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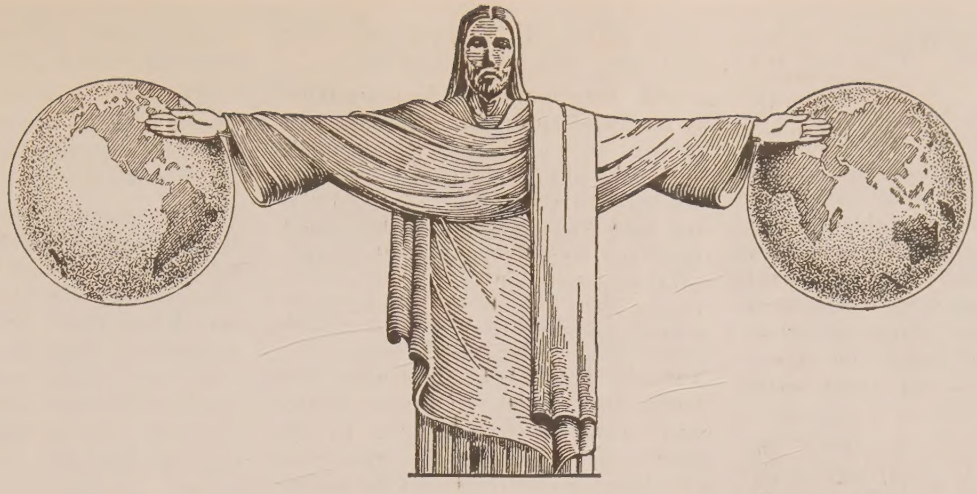


WORLD REPORT On Evangelical Progress

Great Britain

F. Roy Cattell

The Conference for Ministers: One of the outstanding and most valuable events of this year was the conference for ministers held in February at High Leigh, at which over 80 ministers were present on the invitation of the Council. This conference had been conceived some eighteen months before, and it proved to be a most valuable experience. The Council wish to record their indebtedness to the member of the Alliance who generously defrayed the whole expenses of the conference, and thereby made possible this far-reaching experiment. Four days were spent together in prayer and conference, mainly concerning the most effective means of evangelism at the level of the local church. Many letters and testimonies were received subsequently to the great value of this time, and the Council is planning further similar conferences in the future.

The Universal Week of Prayer: This was observed as usual during the first week in January and the World Evangelical Fellowship also participated, thus widening the influence. Reports received from many parts of the world indicated an increased interest and observance, the meetings being more widely attended. The program was again translated into many different languages, and the reports received indicate the great value of this demonstration of unity among those who are one in Christ Jesus. In London a series of four public meetings was held on the theme, "The Christian and His Relationships. This series unfortunately occurred during a spell of extremely bad weather, but, nevertheless, the attendances were encouraging and the meetings of spiritual value.

The Alliance Club: This Club has continued its work throughout the year, maintaining a full quota of 51 students, about two-thirds of whom are from overseas, and one-third from Great Britain all studying at London University. There is evidence that the continued spiritual work of the Club is of great value, although in a work of this kind it is difficult to make a specific assessment and undesirable to quote detailed and tabulated results. The Council have, however, been concerned over increased costs and the impossibility of operating at the economic level that had been expected.

MR. AND MRS. A. J. DAIN

Mr. Dain is Co-Secretary, with Dr. Wright, of the World Evangelical Fellowship.

Evangelical Christendom: The December issue of this journal was the last in its present form and under its present title. The Council planned the publication of a different type of magazine to be issued monthly, which it was hoped would meet a wider need. The first issue of the magazine appeared in June, 1955, entitled *Crusade*.

The Overseas Committee: The overseas work of the Alliance has fallen into three clear categories during the year under review. Through the office close contact has been maintained with other evangelical groups and fellowships, both in the wider circle of the WEF and within the more limited area of the European Committee of the Evangelical Alliance. Much unobtrusive work needs constantly to be done in the strengthening of the hands of these evangelical groups in various parts of the world, particularly where they are under varying degrees of persecution. Perhaps the outstanding service rendered in this connection has been the publicity given both the Christian press and to members of Parliament on the subject of religious persecution

in Spain and Colombia. This has been done by the issuing of regular news releases.

Secondly, it has been possible to arrange for several visits by evangelical leaders and others from this country to countries abroad who have asked either for the visit of Bible teachers, or for those who could help them in the development of their own work. Rev. John Savage spent three weeks ministering to the isolated and persecuted churches in Spain. The Chairman, General Sir Arthur Smith, visited the Evangelical Church in Greece in April, and later made an extended tour in Australia and New Zealand in July and August. The Overseas Secretary (Mr. A. J. Dain) spent seven months in India, Pakistan and Ceylon and was able to give part of this time to the work of WEF. During the spring months, Rev. George Duncan and Capt. Metcalfe were sent for the Hill Conferences in India.

Thirdly, the opportunity has been taken on several occasions of arranging informal receptions for well known evangelicals from overseas, such as Dr. Everett Cattell of India, Dr. Guruswamy of Ceylon, and Dr. J. Elwin Wright of the United States.

London. A new Evangelistic Committee of the British EA has been formed to make its staff available to pass on to all who want it the fruits of experience as well as practical help in planning evangelistic campaigns. The EA is also carrying on a fruitful ministry in prisons.

Switzerland

Dr. Rene Pache

The Swiss Branch of the WEF is more a spiritual link than an organization. Through God's grace we are enjoying a close Christian fellowship with the majority of those who stand firm on the whole Bible, and this particularly in the French-speaking area of Switzerland, France and Belgium. Here are a few recent facts illustrating the activity in our different groups:

Billy Graham came once to Zurich and twice to Geneva this summer. He attracted crowds from 30,000 to 50,000 people, with a great many decisions. The Christians have been brought together in prayer and in an unanimous witness which made a great impression. The blessing continues.

The Young People's Camps this summer were particularly blessed. *The Scripture Union* celebrated its 30th anniversary at Pentecost in a very good Conference at Vennes-Lausanne. In July and August it had in the different Bible camps 950 boys and girls, many of whom truly found the Lord.

The Inter Varsity Fellowship Work is difficult, but truly goes ahead, especially in Zurich and Basle, among students, post-graduates, nurses and teachers. In the French-speaking part, we have appointed a traveling secretary and trust that it will mean a great step forward.

The Distribution of Tracts is truly encouraging. One single man, Mr. Stettler in Biel, circulates about 100 tracts and booklets in German, French and many other languages. In one year he gave out more than three tons of them, numbering half a million copies. To the Russian ballets visiting the country he offered New Testaments which were refused; but Russian tracts were accepted. He distributed a quarter of a million tracts last year in Austria, most of them being printed in Vienna. *The Groupes Missionaries* have given out also large quantities of very good tracts.

Literature is still one of our main concerns. Some good books have been published, among them Dr. L. S. Chafer's *"Major Bible Themes,"* and Billy Graham's *"Peace With God."* For more than sixty years we have been without any sound Bible dictionary. We plan to publish, if possible, the J. D. Davis Dictionary, but need the funds and also a translator for such a great undertaking.

The *Radio Work* done especially by Dr. M. B. Stearns and P. Gadina has been greatly blessed. The Luxembourg Station claims 16 million actual French-speaking listeners. Unfortunately, the station has suddenly decided to put all Gospel broadcasts at 11:00 p.m., which means a great loss and an almost total change of listeners.

The *Sunday School Work* in French is receiving a great impetus through the instrumentality of Dr. and Mrs. Homer Payne, teachers at Emmaus Bible School in Lausanne. They are giving out, this fall, new material and teachers' courses which are invaluable for us, as well as for the large French-speaking areas in Africa.

The *Moody Films* continue to be shown and to impress many people. The last beautiful films are very helpful indeed.

Every year in November, we have a conference in Paris with the evangelical leaders from our three countries in what we call the "Evangelical Center for Information and Action." This gathering is becoming more and more important and influences our practical cooperation all through the year. Will you pray with us for our next meeting, that God may truly be glorified!

India

I. Ben Wati

The Evangelical Fellowship of India has been most active during the past four years, with increasing interest and helpfulness in many fields of endeavor. Following are reports from various phases of activity being administered by officials in charge.

From Mr. I. Ben Wati, serving at present as the headquarters' secretary and treasurer, we have this word: "My main job has been contacting Indian pastors, and editing the *Pastor's Bulletin,* sent to nearly 2,000 pastors. This simple and unpretentious *Bulletin* has been greatly used of God in blessing and awakening hundreds of pastors, as indicated by their numerous letters from all over India and from all churches or denominations. While this *Bulletin* is mainly for Indian pastors, we have a regular mailing list outside of India. The *Bulletin* is now a bimonthly of eight pages, with Bible studies, sermon outlines to help the pastors, articles or testimonies from the pastors themselves, and soforth.

"Another project for which I am especially responsible is what we call World Vision, a foreign missionary project whereby the national Christians, and especially Indian members of EFI pray and support an Indian family in Nairobi, East Africa, working among the thousands of Indians chiefly doing business there. We have plans to arouse foreign missionary interest among our Indian Church people to go, to send, to support, and to pray for unreached areas in and around India. Thus far I have had very little time for this project but the response in money from unexpected quarters, such as lepers and Sunday school children and women's groups, have been most heartening.

"Another task of mine is to direct the English Christian Book Club, started this year. The membership is nearly

NOTICE

This issue of ACTION magazine is being sent to all those on the mailing list of the WORLD EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN in place of the regular October BULLETIN.

We trust that those not already receiving ACTION will become regular subscribers to this worthwhile interdenominational evangelical news magazine (see coupon on page 2).

J. Elwin Wright
Co-Secretary WEF

1955 Evangelical Fellowship of India Convention, Jhansi, United Provinces.

1,000 from all over India, Burma, Ceylon, Pakistan, Hongkong, Australia, East Africa, and the Persian Gulf. The idea is to provide the best Christian literature at a price the ordinary Indian Christian can afford. For Rs.3/-per year per member, we offer four books, one each quarter. There are vernacular Book Clubs in eight languages and different persons direct them. I expect that this coming year the membership in the English Club will double or treble.

"Besides editing a Christian monthly in my own tribal language and helping translate the Bible into our language, I am in constant touch with the young but growing church in Assam."

Dr. Frank J. Kline, the head of the first large EFI undertaking, Union Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal, India, reported in the spring as follows, after two years of operation as a united effort: "Three years ago we had 32 students. Last year our enrollment was 52. This year we have a student body of 65, five of whom are college graduates in the newly opened BD department. The students come from eight provinces, nine language areas and represent twenty different denominations. During the hot season, students joined with others in teams, some were teachers, some gave testimonies in public and in private, ministered in churches, and in general gave of themselves in the service of the Church of Christ. The following shows how God used these students:

381 were converted from among nominal Christian church members

104 special inquirers were dealt with

279 sermons were preached, besides testimonies

184 Gospels were sold; 85 New Testaments and one Bible

6725 and more tracts were distributed

7 parishes and many churches in 19 denominations were served

4 teams were out in evangelistic services

248 different villages were visited.

"Many students have had to be turned away because of lack of living accommodations. An outstanding contribution during the year has been the Bob Pierce Hostel which is to care for about 32 students and a house-father's quarters. Funds for this building have been contributed largely by World Vision, of which Dr. Bob Pierce is the president. Substantial contributions from Taylor University students and the Australian Institute of Archeology have greatly assisted, also. Furnishings have been provided but there is still need of funds to complete the building."

Another urgent requirement is for a library building, which will cost about $16,000 but will provide ample room for students' study hours and relieve other accommodations now being used for library facilities for further dormitory space. Already the library has over 10,000 volumes many of which must be kept for lack of facilities. WEF is receiving money for these two buildings at the present time, and prayer is requested that these buildings may speedily be completed. Students who are turned away must be without proper preparation for the ministry or attend schools disseminating modernism, and the loss in leadership for evangelism through the national pastors should stir our hearts to earnest intercession for these needed buildings.

Praise God for the abundant outpouring of His blessing upon the ministry of the Rev. George B. Dundan when he visited seven of the Hill Conventions. Since throughout most of India the shade temperatures are up to 115 degrees in the hot months, most missionaries spend a brief period of four weeks or so in the cool and healthy climate of one or other of the hill stations. Some of these, such as Kotagiri and Landour, are almost entirely missionary in their population, while others, such a Mussoorie and Darjeeling, are rapidly becoming holiday resorts for the Indian community. It is certain that the majority of the entire missionary community in India visited one of the seven hill stations visited by Mr. Duncan.

Since many of these missionaries live in comparative isolation from their fellow countrymen, and in some cases never attend a service in English where they minister, they look forward to this holiday, not only as a brief respite from the heat and demands of their work, but also as an opportunity for Christian fellowship. Over the years, through the conventions held at these hill stations, missionaries who have arrived tired, and perhaps discouraged, have received fresh vision and blessing.

Evidences of blessing received at these hill conferences are that greater numbers than those experienced for many years were in attendance, often packing the places of meeting, increased offerings made to assist in the cost of the tour, and reports from all the conferences of an unusually high spiritual standard. Non-church-goers, as well, attended many of the meetings with much blessing. Recordings were made of the message for those who could not attend.

Said the leader of one of these hill conferences, "Those of us who partici-

Laying Foundations of the Bob Pierce Hostel at Union Biblical Seminary, Yoetmal, India, which will accommodate some thirty-two students.

pated in the spiritual feast given through Mr. Duncan are grateful to him for spending his holiday in this way; to his church for releasing him, and to the World Evangelical Fellowship for sponsoring Mr. Duncan's visit to India."

Praise God for the great work done by Rev. Lincoln Watts for the Evangelical Fellowship in India, and pray for him on his return to Britain. Praise God that Rev. R. H. Smith, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, has felt led to give a few months' assistance in EFI. Pray that the visa for Miss Elizabeth Evans may be granted and that she may be able to reach India as EFI secretary without delay.

For one year from now the second largest Hindu festival is being held in and around Nasik. Evangelistic efforts planned include a medical center, preaching stations, literature booths and the distribution of five million tracts in Indian languages.

The Evangelical Bible Commentary is being prepared in eight languages, and Bible concordances in at least five languages. For many years, evangelicals of India have been unable to obtain suitable commentaries and concordances in the major languages of India and this tremendous undertaking is one of primary importance in the work of the Evangelical Literature Fellowship of India.

West Pakistan

Bishop Laurence H. Woolmer

There is a *strong evangelical spirit* in the non-Roman churches of West Pakistan which is manifesting itself in many spheres of united action. The Annual Convention for the deepening of spiritual life which has been held at Sialkot in the Punjab for over fifty years has been not only a source of much blessing to thousands of people, but also a training ground in spiritual warfare for Christian leaders generally. During the last eight years, since the creation of Pakistan, the convention movement has spread to many places, and conventions for the deepening of spiritual life are held in at least a dozen centers throughout the country, following the pattern of the Sialkot Convention.

Many of God's people are bound together in prayer through the *Punjab Praise and Prayer Union* which in recent years has been supplemented by similar prayer unions in the Northwest Frontier Province and Sind and Baluchistan. Another recent forward step in united evangelical action has been the widening of the *United Presbyterian Theological Seminary* at Gujranwala into a united seminary for all the major Protestant churches which are happy to accept its basis that "the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are throughout the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and conduct."

The Board of Literature of the West Pakistan Christian Council, under the inspiring leadership of Rev. Canon Chandu Ray, an outstanding evangelical, has in these last few years promoted the publication of much evangelical literature in the WEF tradition which, together with the work of the independent Christian Publishing House of Lahore, has been of increasing value to the Protestant churches in West Pakistan.

In recent years, since the coming of independence, the long-established Presbyterian, Methodist and Anglican churches have been reinforced by missionaries from the Evangelical Alliance Mission, the World Mission Prayer League (Lutheran), the Conservative Baptist and several other smaller missionary societies which are now reaching out into many parts of Pakistan by mutual arrangement under the Comity of Missions. The doors for the preaching of the Gospel are still wide open in the Muslim State of Pakistan and the Christian Church with 434,000 members (of whom 75% are Protestant), representing one-half per cent of the population, is still glad of help from the West. The poverty of many of the village Christians is pathetic and the need for a deepening of the spiritual life of the Church generally is urgent. We shall be grateful for the prayers of friends in the WEF and for any assistance that is given under the guidance of God in the work of evangelizing this leading Muslim country and the building up of the weak, though sizeable, Christian Church in this day of opportunity.

Ceylon

Dr. A. P. Guruswamy

The two *sound trucks* of the Evangelical Fellowship of Ceylon have been constantly on the road in evangelistic tours. We are forging ahead with our campaign of "Ceylon for Christ in Our Generation" and endeavoring to proclaim the Gospel in all the villages where the name of Jesus has never hitherto been named. Over 200,000 people have heard the Gospel during the current year. There is still a debt of $1,800 on the second sound truck which must be cleared soon.

The membership of EFC has increased by about 200 new members. We are particularly pleased to welcome Rev. James S. Mather, chairman of the Methodist Church of Ceylon, and Rev. R. C. Cowling, chairman of the the Baptist denomination, both of them keen evangelicals. They have both taken the sound trucks on evangelistic tours.

Thanks to the generosity of the American public, we have been able for the first time in the history of our country to give away Bibles free or at concession prices to everyone who has asked for them. This year alone, over 400 Bibles have been distributed to very deserving people, many of them new converts through the efforts of EFC. We have also sold twice as many Gospels and New Testaments this year as last. We can truthfully assert that never before has *God's Word and wholesome evangelical literature* been read by our people as today. Pray that

additional funds will come in for more Bibles.

Through the generosity of Moody Bible Institute, Dr. John R. Rice and Revs. A. F. and J. B. Rowell, we have been able to print some excellent *literature in Sinhalese and Tamil.* We are grateful to the Scripture Gift Mission and others for supplies of literature. One of our members is compiling a Tamil concordance, of which we hope some kind friend will finance the printing. Since EFC came into being we have given out over a million tracts.

The Chapel of our Bible school where evangelists will be trained in Sinhalese and Tamil and sent out to preach the Gospel according to the scriptural pattern is now being built. This first building of the school is being financed by our Christian brother, Mr. P. K. Warkentin of Reedley, California. We are in need of dormitories in which to house students and staff. The maintenance of the whole project will not be a problem as the farm on the property is expected to supply all the needs. But contributions toward new buildings will be gratefully received through World Evangelical Fellowship, 120 Tremont St., Boston 8, Mass., and forwarded to EFC without deduction.

Youth for Christ rallies continue to be held regularly. These are held in various churches and halls open to us. Splendid Christian young people give their testimonies and the messages are brought by workers on the Island. Recent speakers have been Miss Beatrice Kohl, Miss Ila D'Alwis, Mr. William Allegecoon, Miss Rita Morell, and the Rev. Donald Rubesh. Converted Communists, Buddhists, and Modernists have brought earnest and heart-searching testimony to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Japan

Dr. Harold Hoke

Several significant strides forward were made by the Evangelical Missionary Association of Japan this past year. With a membership now over 500, it officially represents over one-fourth of the total Protestant missionaries in the islands, and unofficially over twice that.

In January, the Executive Committees of EMAJ and the Japan Bible Christian Council (Japan member of ICCC) met and made unprecedented strides toward cooperation. After each defined its distinctive spheres of activity and emphasis, it was decided to cooperate on the publication of an evangelical journal as well as on other projects of mutual concern. First edition of the new journal will probably appear around January, 1956.

The annual EMAJ conference at Karuizawa was attended by over 500 missionaries, the largest such conference ever held. Joseph Carroll, Baptist evangelist from Australia, and G. Godfrey Buxton of England, home secretary of the Japan Evangelistic Band, were the speakers, in addition to forums on missionary problems centering around the Great Commission.

Through its committees, EMAJ promotes comity, representation before the government, radio and literature evangelism, and other vital matters for the missionary body. A major project for 1955-56 is the dissemination through literature and conferences of information on the peculiar problems of organizing indigenous churches in Japan.

The officers of EMAJ for 1954-56 are: Donald E. Hoke, TEAM, President; Gilbert Benson, CBFMS, Vice-President; Elaine Nordstrom, Baptist General Conference, Secretary, and Brigadier Arthur Long, Salvation Army, with Philip Lutho, Evangelical Lutheran, and Adolbert Attlery, Liebenzeller Mission, as members-at-large.

Rev. H. Kitagawa

We were so glad to have Dr. Wright visit the Evangelical Fellowship of Japan last spring. We planned many meetings but his stay was too short. A general meeting of cooperating pastors was held in Osaka, with fine attendance. In Tokyo, Dr. Wright addressed a church service and met for an evening with the EFJ officers (all nationals).

Plans for the coming year were developed in these meetings. It was decided that we will have several summer camp meetings and two conventions, one in Osaka in the spring and another in Tokyo in the autumn. Three summer camp meetings already held were greatly blessed.

We have extended an invitation to the Oriental evangelicals to come to Japan for the East Asia Conference of WEF to be held in 1956.

Rev. H. Kitagawa was elected to be a delegate to the WEF International Conference in America in 1956. Rev. A. Kurumada was elected as alternate. Rev. T. Yamasaki and Rev. E. Hoshimo were elected as observers.

Friendly relations are maintained with the Evangelical Missionary Association of Japan. We have joined in union meetings several times. Christians in Japan are not many and churches, in general, are weak. Our EFJ is one in spirit and love and marching right on. We need the prayers of our friends.

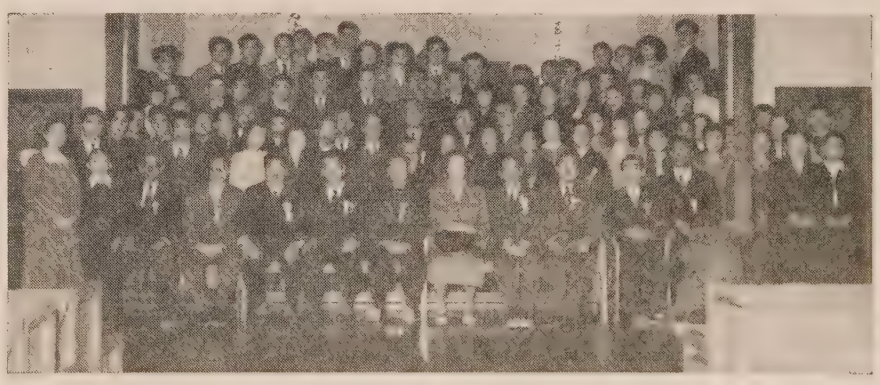
We expect to go to the States together with the other Oriental delegations right after the Asia Regional Conference next year.

Formosa

Rev. James Dickson

Because of the difficulty of getting the members of the Evangelical Fellowship throughout the island together, we have decided to organize city groups which can more easily meet for fellowship and action. Here in the city of Taipei most of our meetings are taking the form of noon luncheons at the YMCA. There are over 30 missionary leaders in the city who have identified themselves with the Evangelical Fellowship, and we are now going forward with plans to include national leaders and churches.

The continued expansion of the Christian Church in this island is a fact deserving special mention. At the end of the last world war there were approximately 200 churches in the island. Now there are around 600. The oldest group working here, the Presbyterians, with 450 congregations, have a plan under way for the doubling of the church in the next ten year per-



Conference of the Evangelical Fellowship of Japan, held at Osaka. The gathering was addressed by Dr. J. Elwin Wright.

iod. Other groups have similar forward movements. In the capital city of Taipei there were 12 churches eight years ago, while there are now 94, with new churches continually being built.

One of the outstanding events of the year in Taipei City was the united evangelistic campaign from May 15 to June 15, with Dr. David Morken as special speaker. Practically all churches cooperated in this campaign, and a large group of special workers had been carefully prepared by the Navigators to deal with enquirers and continue with follow-up work after the meetings.

A special bamboo tabernacle with seating capacity for 2,000 was erected on the big plaza in front of the Nationalist Government Building. The first night it was found to be inadequate, and an addition to it was hastily erected to accommodate another thousand people. A special tent was prepared for an enquirers' room, holding 200 people. However, on the first night, the number of enquirers and workers more than filled the tent. Altogether there were 1,215 decisions for Christ during the campaign, a considerable number of whom came from positions of importance in government and society.

The Aboriginal Church in the mountains of Formosa has continued with a steady growth. Twenty-one new churches have been erected during the past three months. There are now a total of 240 churches among these tribes which only a few years ago were known as the Formosan Headhunters.

The Roman Catholics have poured in large numbers of workers who are well supplied with relief goods, with which they seek to win over these simple-minded people to their idolatrous system. In some places they have caused a good deal of harm, but on the whole the people who have accepted the Gospel have stood firm against the subtle temptation of their cleverly planned strategy.

We pray that the Lord may make it possible for us to reach all these people with the Gospel in the next year, that they may be saved from falling prey to such a system as the Roman Catholic Church, where the true Gospel of Christ will be denied all such unfortunate souls.

The new Christian College, a project of the evangelicals of Formosa, is off to a fine start. Dr. James R. Graham is the moving spirit of the enterprise, but he is ably assisted by a strong board of trustees made up in large part of national Christian leaders of the country.

As of September 1, more than $33,000 had been received for its establishment. Recently, the Education Ministry authorized the college to function this fall. Upon a very minor announcement of entrance examinations they had 1500 applicants.

The urgent needs at the moment are housing for the faculty and money for payments still due on the property. The school is located in Chung Li, about thirty miles south of the capital city, Taipei.

The Evangelical Alliance Mission is sending the Rev. Al Klein as a member of the faculty. They are also building him a house on the college property. Another building project, which must be started soon, is a new dining hall a kitchen, to include shower and toilet accommodations for the students. The building will double as a dining hall and auditorium and will seat about 500. The cost will be about $5,000 US.

A United States Army Major, who is a devout Christian and has a Bible class, has bought a cement mixer and block machine for the school. Two men, working ten hours a day, will enable the college to stockpile 200 blocks a day.

Indonesia

Rev. Timothy S. K. Dzao

Indonesia is an associate member of World Evangelical Fellowship. Several contacts have recently been made looking toward a much fuller intermission and interdenominational union there. Several groups are interested, though at present the principal association is that of the Ling Liang Worldwide Evangelistic Mission, under the leadership of the Rev. Timothy S. K. Dzao.

The Gamaliel University is a new Christian university in Djakarta. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees is Mr. A. M. Tanbunan, vice-chairman of the Indonesian Parliament. Rev. Timothy Dzao is the Vice-President and Mr. Richard Lee is the Secretary. The other four are all devoted Christians. It is the purpose of the college to win students to Christ, both Indonesian and Chinese. The name *Gamaliel* was given to the college in the hope that through this school there may be produced many Pauls.

The university includes three colleges: the Theological, the Commercial and the Language. On September 27, the school opened for its first semester with more than 100 students registered. Since Indonesia is a young country, only eight years old, she needs well trained leaders and this university will have the privilege of training leadership both to serve the country and to influence its people spiritually.

Indonesia consists of eighty million people and 75% are professed Moslems. There are three races in the country: the Bataks of Sumatra, the Menado race of Celebes, and the Ambon race. There are processed Christians among all these peoples, served by the Dutch Reformed Church, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Assemblies of God, and many independent Chinese churches.

Vietnam

Rev. Herbert A. Jackson

The latest association to apply for membership in World Evangelical Fellowship is The Tribes of Vietnam Mission of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the only active agency of the area insofar as evangelical missions is concerned. A brief report of some activities and requests for prayer are given below:

First, and of immediate importance, is the need in the villages that have been invaded by small pox. The Adlai villages were the first to be smitten. La Yoan's son-in-law has been sick unto death and his former slave has died. This slave has been like a brother to La Yoan's family for years. Because of his faithfulness at home and in the fields, La Yoan has been free to do the work of an evangelist far and near. In another Adlai village A Ju has lost his beautiful and sweet wife. He is an ex-soldier who has been preaching the Gospel. Near his village is a heathen village where more than three fourths of the people have been wiped out by this plague. In another heathen village among the Trings only three little children are left. These all went into eternity without Christ. (A report just in says this plague has abated in answer to prayer and widespread inoculations. Two young Christian preachers helped to inoculate hundreds of their people.)

Pray even more earnestly than usual for the preachers during this transition period when the tribes people are taking on the full support of their tribes preachers. Crops have failed and the Christians are already digging for roots in the jungles to keep from starving. They have nothing to share with the preachers. But this common need is bringing the preachers and the Christians closer together and we believe the Church will be stronger for this present trial.

A considerable shipment of CARE packages has recently been received for distribution, as well as food from the

Mennonite relief organization and fifteen bales of clothing from World Relief of the National Association of Evangelicals. We are desperately in need of a quantity of rice and also of blankets to protect our people from the cold. Daily starving people come to our door for aid. We can use blankets of all kinds, both single and double, used or new. These and clothing may be sent to NAE World Relief, 536 West 46th St., New York 19, N.Y., especially marked for relief in Vietnam. Gifts of money for rice may be sent to World Evangelical Fellowship, 120 Tremont St., Boston 8, Mass.

A consecrated and capable man has been engaged for the work among refugees fleeing from North Vietnam. He will live between two large camps and care for the spiritual welfare of thousands of refugees, under our general direction. These refugees are highly intelligent and most of them have never heard the Gospel. While they are more or less idle, awaiting resettlement, we have a wonderful opportunity close at hand to give them the message of hope and salvation. For only $60.00 to $66.00 a month we are able to place such a trained, consecrated pastor in a refugee camp to minister to its people. WEF is sending us funds for the support of one such pastor, but we could use several for camps in South Vietnam, since more than 700,000 people have fled from Communism in the North and are quartered here.

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South Africa

South Africa's Bantu Education Act (whereby the Government, by withdrawing subsidies, was able to take over the majority of mission schools) has produced a crisis in Christian education. A bishop in Johannesburg is meeting this situation by the establishment of "family centers." These are open to children for half days to receive religious instruction, since they attend public schools only half a day. During the evening, the centers will be made available to teen agers in an effort to combat the widespread delinquency among young people.

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Evangelical Sharing

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preservation of the churches in war torn areas. There must be a way quickly to assist pastor and other Christian leaders to relocate if they are to minister to the needs of their people without long delays.

Seven. The need of the establishment of centers for annual interdenominational conferences and places of rest for physical, as well as spiritual invigoration. These will do much to save the missionaries and national leaders from spiritual stagnation and discouragement.

The CBMC of Korea welcomes Dr. J. Elwin Wright on his recent visit to Seoul

Please note that neither SHARE nor the Commission on International Relations proposes to take responsibility for any project other than by providing grants of funds to responsible overseas cooperative Evangelical fellowships.

SHARE is a corporation formed as a subsidiary of the Commission on International Relations of NAE. It is endeavoring to answer the need of such a vehicle for the establishment and administration of a fund of this sort.

SHARE was first observed on a national basis in November, 1954. It is now preparing for a more extensive observance in November, 1955.

SHARE is asking the assistance of every evangelical in America in its program of thoroughly educating the public regarding its purposes and policies. We know that its significance can only be realized by painstaking, patient, and persistent education of the Christian public by every means possible—periodicals, radio, television, and public announcements—*by your own personal interest in* making it known to others and by observing it yourself.

THE SHARE FUND will be allotted to the most critical overseas needs by a sub-committee of NAE's Commission on International Relations, which is NAE's liaison with World Evangelical Fellowship. These men have been selected for their reputation of devotion to the Gospel, for their ability to make grants objectively and with no selfish interest, and for their well-known familiarity with the major needs in reference to evangelistic outreach.

Designated gifts for any overseas cause will be forwarded promptly. Grants will be made only to projects which have first been approved by the executives of national fellowships of evangelicals *in the countries concerned.* The expenditure of grants made to overseas national fellowships will be administered by their leaders—not by the executives of SHARE. Needless to say, great care will be exercised to see that the funds are administered carefully by reputable and well established interdenominational field organizations.

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1. We suggest that the interest be focused on any Sunday of that month most convenient;

2. That a sermon be preached on World-wide Evangelism, concerning which we will provide up-to-date information;

3. That an offering for SHARE be received in whatever way seems most suitable.

Two. We will provide copies of an informative folder for you to distribute to friends who might be interested.

Three. If you feel led of the Lord, send your personal gift now to assist us in preliminary preparations which must be made over a period of several months.

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Hearings Called Off

The Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights has temporarily called off the hearings which were to have been held on religious freedom as expressed in the first and fourteenth amendments to the Constitution. In the formal statement announcing postponement of the hearings the Subcommittee said that it did not have "opportunity to thoroughly study the data in the religion questionnaire replies." Most observers in Washington felt that this was only a small part of the real season for calling off the hearings.

It was last May that the Subcommittee, headed by Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D., Mo.), announced that it would hold hearings to make "a general examination of the Bill of Rights and proposed legislation affecting it." Inasmuch as the first subject in the Bill of Rights is the guarantee of freedom of religion the Subcommittee likewise decided that it would take up this subject at the very outset. From that point the matter was given enough publicity to generate a great deal of steam around the religious freedom issue.

On September 17 the Subcommittee held a preliminary hearing at which time eleven speakers were invited to give their positions with regard to constitutional rights. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, was selected to give the Protestant position. In his testimony he mentioned the acute problem which arose several years ago concerning the possibility of establishment of diplomatic relations with the Vatican. He also mentioned the widespread opinion that parochial and private schools should not be financed in any degree with public funds. Following this testimony was given in behalf of the Knights of Columbus. This testimony avoided the basic issue concerning constitutional rights and dwelt on the need of government to root out Communism wherever it may exist. Later one of the leading Washington columnists lamented that the Catholic position with regard to the distribution of public funds had not been given. The opportunity had been given for Catholics to bring their position out into the open, but by clever maneuvering the Catholic Church had chosen not to do so.

Herein lies one of the basic problems facing the Subcommittee, the problem of providing for adequate representation of the various points of view surrounding the issues involving religious freedom. The Catholic Church is not only reluctant but unwilling to put on the record its full position regarding the expressions of religious liberty set forth in the Constitution of the United States. Basically the Catholic Church finds itself at variance with the first amendment but no statement of this fact would sound good to American ears, and any statement which would fall short of this would not adequately and truly represent the Catholic position. Thus the Catholic Church elected to leave its position out of the picture and not to enter the arena of real controversy. If only one side of the issue were to be given in the hearings then Catholics could label the whole project as bigotry against the Catholic Church.

Another problem facing the Subcommittee was the problem of dealing with extremists and radicals. Atheists, for instance, would object strenuously to Congressional action a year ago in passing the law which amended the pledge of allegiance to include the words "under God." And there were other extremists who wanted to ride their hobby-horses in front of the Subcommittee.

The decision of the Subcommittee to postpone its hearings did not come as a surprise to most of those who were familiar with these problems. Many had wondered what the Subcommittee originally intnded to accomplish anyway.

But the fact that the hearings were postponed, as understandable as that decision may have been, points to a dangerous national tendency—the tendency to avoid any discussion of religious freedom for the sake of political expediency. Many politicians have long ago decided to steer their way around every issue involving religion, including the issues which surround the constitutional guarantee of separation of church and state and the guarantee of complete religious freedom. But American freedom is based on the free discussion of matters just such as these. If the principle of separation of church and state is to be tucked away in a closet of non-discussion, there may come a day when Americans will return to find that the principle itself has been stolen.

Draft Increase Ordered

The draft increase which had long been predicted by Selective Service officials was ordered for November. The immediate increase for the Army is to be 3,000 men per month and this is to continue for several months. The rise in draft calls is intended to provide for 16,000 more men in the Army to be used in the training of 100,000 six-months reserve trainees.

In addition the Navy is to use the draft to procure 10,000 per month. This will bring the total increase in induction calls to 23,000—13,000 for the Army, and 10,000 for the Navy. It has been predicted that the Air Force will be the next to use the draft in order to replenish its forces.

At the same time Selective Service officials have set forth proposals to extend deferments to include fathers and certain "hardship cases" which are not already covered. Such deferments would carry an extension of age liability to age thirty-five and would not be considered as exemptions. The Pentagon has not given official reaction to these proposals. The reason given for setting forth these proposals at a time when the draft is being increased is the size of the manpower "pool"—a total of about one million men who are of draft age. Selective Service officials tend to feel that this total is much too large.

Eisenhower Illness

The heart attack suffered by President Eisenhower has had serious effects on almost every segment of American life, not the least of which is the religious field. The reactions to his illness have been felt keenly in Washington. Among the first reactions to the Presidential illness were those of numerous religious leaders, men who were widely scattered both geographically and theologically. The immediate prayer was for the President's speedy and complete recovery, but the total area of concern embraced the interests of the entire nation.

There are many who have felt that the personal spiritual convictions of the President have done much to remind the nation of its dependency on God. Many have wondered if the other men, whose names have been mentioned for the top executive position, would carry with them the same attitude toward the spiritual needs of the nation. Those who have hoped that President Eisenhower would take a second term in office are now faced with the probability that he will not do so. This fact in itself has caused some serious questions to arise in the minds of many of the nation's religious leaders.

Then too there are missionary leaders who have felt that the Eisenhower administration has done much to strengthen the position of the USA in the field of international relations. This undoubtedly has an indirect but important effect on the attitude of other nations toward these missions from the USA. The question arises whether the whole pattern of foreign relations could be carried further in this direction by another administration.

The President himself, in a political speech shortly before his illness, warned that no party should pin all its hopes on one man. Nor should any nation pin all its hopes on one man. The nation needs a God-fearing President, but far beyond that it needs a God-fearing people.

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—UNITED ACTION—

Seventh NAE Regional Office Goes to Detroit

COLUMBUS, O.—Rev. Don Rogers, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oak Park, Michigan will assume his duties as full time field director of the Great Lakes Region of The National Association of Evangelicals, on November 1. This was decided finally at the Executive Meeting held by the Regional Board at The Bible Meditation League Building in Columbus, Ohio on September 20.

The Great Lakes Region embraces the States of Michigan, Ohio and Northern Kentucky. Present headquarters are 527 Farwell Building, Detroit 26, Michigan. It is the seventh regularly chartered Regional Organization of the NAE.

Regional officers include Rev. Virgil L. Raley, president; Rev. Henry Heerschap, Vice President; Rev. Paul Ryser, Secretary; Dr. E. B. Dibble, Treasurer. There are sixteen Board members.

1956 Week of Prayer Programs Available

LONDON — "Universal Week of Prayer," under auspices of the Evangelical Alliance and the World Evangelical Fellowship, will be observed from Sunday January 1 to Saturday January 7, 1956.

Since 1846 (for the past 110 years) the Evangelical Alliance has issued its call to prayer during the first week of January. Large numbers of Christian people in all parts of the world have responded. The Call has been signed by heads of the churches in Great Britain and other countries, by representatives of the Evangelical Alliance and the World Evangelical Fellowship, and by leaders of the various Bible and Missionary Societies with whose cooperation the Topics for Prayer are circulated throughout the world and translated into many languages.

Copies of the program (English edition) are available from the office of The Evangelical Alliance, 30 Bedford Place, London, W. C. 1, England.

Evangelicals Extend Their Well-Wishes to President

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The National Association of Evangelicals through its Washington office on September 26 extended its sympathy and well-wishes to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, recently stricken with a heart attack.

The text of the communication follows:

"The President of the United States, Fitzsimmons Hospital, Denver, Colo.

"It is with deep regret that we have heard of your illness. On behalf of our nation-wide constituency of approximately ten million Christians we assure you of our prayers for your rapid and complete recovery. Our desire is adequately expressed in the words of the Apostle Paul in his epistle to the Colossians, chapter 1, verses 9 and 11: 'We . . . do not cease to pray for you and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding . . . strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power.' "

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—EDUCATION—

Lutherans Hit Government Ban on Loans to Seminaries

CHICAGO—(NLC)—Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary at Maywood is the first educational institution to be denied a government-guaranteed low interest loan to build a student dormitory under an administrative ruling that bars such aid to all theological schools.

The stand has been taken by the Housing and Home Finance Agency, charged with administration of the college housing program under the Housing Act of 1950, on the grounds that loans to seminaries violate the separation-of-state-and-church clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

The HHFA, it was said, felt that "there was a very strong likelihood the Supreme Court would hold a loan to such an institution unconstitutional."

Convocation Highlights CBTS Autumn Opening

DENVER, Colo.—Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary began its sixth year of ministry here with a memorable Convocation Service. Highlights of the program were the public signing of the doctrinal statement by the faculty, the address by Dean Vernon Grounds on "A Revolutionary Gospel," and the announcement that Dr. Stuart Hackett, graduate of Cornell and Syracuse Universities and Wheaton College, has been appointed associate professor of apologetics and theology. Another recent addition to the Seminary's personnel is Rev. Robert Duggan, educated at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

A Day of Prayer was held during the opening week of the Seminary's current school year, with all classes cancelled. Rev. Mark Bubeck, an alumnus of the Seminary, brought the message.

The Seminary now has an enrollment of nearly ninety students.

Howard College Borrows Three Million for Building

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(BP)— The Alabama state convention of Southern Baptists has voted to borrow $3 million from a government agency for construction at Howard College here.

The money, borrowed through the Housing and Home Finance Agency, will be used to build four dormitories and a student activities building on Howard's new campus.

The loan will be handled by the college's trustees. The resolution allowing the college to use the borrowed money authorized the trustees to mortgage the buildings and the property on which they will be built.

Income from the buildings will be used in paying off the loans.

The convention took the action at a special session since the convention had only a limited amount of time in which it could avail itself of the loan. The deadline would have passed before the next regular state convention session.

PRESS

Scripture Press Plans Million-Dollar Building

WHEATON, Ill.—Scripture Press broke ground for a $1,000,000 editorial office on a seven-acre site in this Chicago suburb.

The twenty-one-year-old firm publishes a Sunday school course widely used by churches in fifty evangelical Protestant denominations, according to Victor E. Cory of Wheaton, president.

Scripture Press, which now occupies rented quarters in downtown Chicago, will move into the proposed 80,000-square-foot, single story contemporary brick and stone building in about a year, Mr. Cory said.

The building will house only editorial, business and shipping offices. Printing will be done in Chicago-area plants.

Latin America to Have New Spanish Magazine

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—(E/P)—Plans for publication of a bi-monthly Spanish magazine for circulation in Latin

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America and other Spanish language areas of the world have been announced by officials of the Assemblies of God. The new magazine, to be known as *Poder* (Spanish for power) will follow the general format of the *Pentecostal Evangel,* weekly voice of the Assemblies of God.

Editorial work for the publication will be under the supervision of the Spanish Literature Division of the foreign missions department and the magazine will be edited by H. C. Ball. Announcing plans for publication, Mr. Ball stated that Latin American countries have been requesting a Spanish edition of the *Pentecostal Evangel* for a long time. Speaking of the scope of the magazine, he stated that it will "meet a long felt need and doubtless will reach many thousands with our full gospel testimony in the days ahead."

The first issue of *Poder,* for the months of January and February 1956, will be mailed in November of this year, according to present plans. By having such an early mailing date, *Poder* should reach the remote parts of Latin America by the first of the year, Mr. Ball stated.

Evangelical Booksellers Erect Bible Billboards

CHICAGO. —(E/P)— During the month of November several hundred colorful billboards will be erected in conspicuous places all over the USA and Canada, urging passersby to "Read the Word of God—Its Promises are Sure!"

Sponsored by the Christian Booksellers Association, the signs have been purchased and erected by local Christian bookstore owners. Admittedly the purpose is to increase sales of Bibles, gifts, books and church supplies, but scores of CBA members have "invested" in the attractive billboards because of their testimony to the infallibility of the Holy Bible.

(Last August almost nine hundred CBA members, publisher's representatives and other well-wishers held a four-day convention in Washington, D. C. CBA was established in 1951 and has been credited with solving many trade problems which existed at that time.)

YOUTH

Evangelical Youth, Inc. To Conduct Self-Study

CHICAGO.—Evangelical Youth, the youth arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, has launched a self-study to determine ways and means for improving its usefulness to cooperating youth leaders throughout the nation.

Questionnaires have been mailed to key youth executives. Evangelical Youth was founded in the early days of NAE, since has tied together youth executives from denominational and interdenominational youth organizations who oversee, in aggregate, upwards of one million American youth.

Besides conducting clinics and workshops at the annual NAE spring convention, EY gives attention to the year-long task of collecting, evaluating and communicating to the Christian public the facts and needs concerning the plight of today's youth.

Current officers of Evangelical Youth include Rev. Gunnar Hoglund, Chicago, Baptist General Conference; Rev. Dick Fulmer, Springfield, Mo., Assemblies of God; Rev. Tom Oschwald, Indianapolis, Indiana, Free Methodist Church and Rev. Owen Glassburn, Damascus, Ohio, Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Other members of the commission: Rev. Wesley Carlson, Evangelical Free Church; Rev. Gordon B. Francis, Open Bible Standard; Rev. Lauriston DuBois, Church of the Nazarene; Rev. Ray H. Hughes, Church of God; Miss Joy Mackay, Pioneer Girls; Mr. James Nyquist, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and Rev. H. K. Sheets, Wesleyan Methodist Church.

MISSIONS

Korean Pastors' Conference Closes with Huge Gathering

PORTLAND, Ore.—The second in the series of Pastors' Conferences being conducted in the Orient by World Vision, Inc. (*Action,* October 15) was held last month in Seoul, Korea, with registrations totaling twice the number of last year's conference. Dr. Bob Pierce and his team were joined by "The Four Flats," a Youth for Christ quartet which came over from Japan.

Sessions began each morning with a daybreak prayer meeting at 5:30, led in turn by different members of the team During the forenoon Drs. Charles T. Cook, V. R. Edman and Edward J. Caldwell conducted series of seminar studies, and an evening meeting concluded the day. The large Yung Nak Church was crowded at daybreak, forenoon and evening. On one evening following Dr. Pierce's address an estimated thousand stayed on and prayed all night. On Sunday, the last day of the "great Feast," a mammoth outdoor meeting of all the churches in Seoul was held on South Mountain, former site of the Shinto Shrine, with a crowd estimated at 80,000. Dr. Pierce gave the address, followed by prayers by three pastors: The first for Korea's Christians and Church; the second for the nation and people; the third for the union of North and South Korea. This was the church's celebration of the tenth anniversary of Korea's independence from Japan.

When it was learned that the team was leaving for Indo-China, offering plates were placed at the exits and out of their poverty the Christians gave some $600.00 for Bob Pierce to take to their Indo-China brethren who are now the victims of the Communists as the Koreans were a few years ago.

Hebrew Christian Alliance Holds World Congress Here

CHICAGO—Rev. Dr. Jakob Jocz, formerly of Warsaw, Poland, and now of London, was elected president of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance at its world congress here.

Dr. Jocz, former vice-president, succeeds Mr. J. C. Van Gelderen of Rotterdam, Holland, who was elected vice-president along with Rev. Victor Buksbazen of Philadelphia.

About 200 delegates from the United States and thirteen other countries attended the week-long sessions at the Midwest Bible church here.

Mr. Buksbazen is president of the Hebrew Christian Alliance of America, which was host to the world congress.

Previous congresses were held at five-year intervals in Hungary, Germany, England and the Netherlands.

The Alliance's executive committee voted to send Nathan Scharff, a Dayton (Ohio) clothing merchant, to Argentina next Spring on a three-month "evangelistic and exploratory" mission to Jews.

Inter-Varsity's Missionary Camp Trains Many Students

CHICAGO.—Students from twenty different universities, colleges, and hospitals spent a month at Inter-Varsity's Missionary Training Camp in the north woods of Upper Michigan at Cedar Campus, Cedarville. Most of the students were graduates—teachers, nurses, engineers, medical students, etc. Schools represented included University of Michigan, Yale, MIT, Buffalo State, Northwestern University, Moody Bible Institute, and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

During the month-long training period, students divided up into teams both for camp chores and for their week-end evangelistic ministry in neighboring communities. Services were held in over twenty different churches in the area, representing various denominations. Many of the students for the first time experienced the joy of preaching in churches and also saw the Lord work in the personal contacts made through house-to-house visitation.

Such subjects as New Testament Missionary Methods, Personal Evangelism, Follow-Up Work, Christianity and Culture, The Holy Spirit and Missions, Prayer and Missions, and The Indigenous Church were considered. Missionary leaders from several parts of the world spoke and otherwise had part in the program, including Mr. Arthur Glasser (China Inland Mission), Dr. Kenneth Pike (Wycliffe Bible Translators), Dr. Raymond Buker (Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society), Rev. L. L. King (Christian & Missionary Alliance), Dr. H. Wilbert Norton (Evangelical Free Church and Trinity Seminary), Dr. Harry Stam (Northwestern College, former missionary to Africa), and Miss Florence Beabout (Conservative Baptist, Japan). The director of the camp was David H. Adeney, Missionary Secretary of Inter-Varsity.

Some of the students who attended the camp last year are now engaged in overseas service in Germany, Netherlands, India, South America, and Japan.

EVANGELISM

"Revival Hour" Quartet Covers a Dozen Cities

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—A giant rally which attracted a crowd of 6,000 to the new Auditorium Arena in Denver, Colo., was included in the series of services presented recently by the "Old-Fashioned Revival Hour" Quartet and pianist Rudy Atwood. Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Fuller joined the group in the Denver meeting.

A dozen key American and Canadian cities were included in the two-weeks series of services, which attracted large crowds and elicited tremendous press, radio and TV coverage. The group traveled more than 12,000 miles during the tour which included Phoenix, Arizona; Hutchinson, Kansas; Waterloo, Iowa; Moline, Illinois; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Denver, Colorado; Salt Lake City, Utah; Rapid City, South Dakota; Winnipeg and Brandon, Manitoba; Spokane, Washington; and Helena, Montana.

At a recent broadcast of the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour" Dr. Fuller announced a world-wide "Circle The Block Campaign." Listeners were urged to call personally on each family in their immediate block, inviting them to listen to the "Hour" and urging attendance at a local church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Philadelphia Celebrates Association's Tenth Year

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Philadelphia Area Sunday School Association will celebrate its tenth anniversary with a Convention November 10-12 at the Baptist Temple, Broad and Berks Streets.

There will be workshops on Teacher Training, Story Telling, Home Department, Publicity, DVBS, Organizing and Building, Workers Conferences, Weekday Bible Schools, Visual Aids, Worship, etc. There will also be the usual Departmental conferences and conferences for Superintendents and Pastors.

Leaders for the Convention are coming from all over the nation: Dr. Henrietta Mears and Rev. Cyrus Nelson of Gospel Light Publishing Co.; Mrs. Bernice Cory and Rev. Sherman Williams of Scripture Press; Dr. Paul Copeland, until recently head of Assemblies of God; Dr. C. Adrian Heaton of Eastern Baptist Seminary; Dr. David Allen, Hazel Park, Michigan, Aunt Theresa Worman, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago; Miss Betty Worrell, New York; Rev. Norman Cressman, Allentown, Pa. and Miss Bernice Jordan of the Bible Club Movement of Philadelphia.

Assemblies of God Seeking 1,000,000 in Sunday School

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—The national Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God has announced an ambitious five-year plan scheduled to boost the denomination's church school enrollment to one million by 1960. The current enrollment is 775,100.

Plans for the advancement campaign were first introduced to the constituency of the Assemblies of God this year in six regional Sunday School conventions held throughout the USA. Attendance at the conventions was more than 28,500, officials of the denomination have announced.

The five-year plan calls for local, district, national, and international goals scheduled to climax with a massive international convention in 1960. The Assemblies of God staged the largest Sunday School convention in church

A LETTER FOR YOU TO ANSWER

Dear Friend:

Deeply moved in my soul and completely despairing of life, I have gotten out of bed to write to you. I am a young girl who for eight years has been going from one sanitarium to another because of the dread disease of tuberculosis, but to no avail. I burn daily with a high fever simply because I lack money for the necessary drugs.

I have no one in this world to help me. My father is a drunkard, my mother died from tuberculosis and even my sister is tubercular. She has been put out of one sanitarium because they cannot keep her after three years. We are trying to get her admitted here, at the sanitarium of Lamia, but she does not even have the fare to come, let alone money to pay for medicine.

My three little brothers at home go about in the streets begging for bread. Some people help them; some chase them. Poor little fellows, they often come home crying and go to bed hungry. They are ragged and barefoot because no one cares for them. My father is a slave of drink and does nothing for his motherless children.

In spite of the seeming hopelessness of our situation, I am looking to Jesus for help. I know that it is in His name that those of you who read this letter will want to respond. I think I have said enough. There are no more words to describe our plight. May God have mercy on us. With love,

EVA BAGGOU

We have "no more words" to describe this situation, either, but we know that you share our heartache and deep pity for this suffering girl and her family. The medicine for her and her sister will cost $50 to provide, and $10 will purchase locally 80 lbs of nourishing food. We invite you, our reader, to respond to this pathetic appeal and to hundreds of others like it. You may help through the American Mission to Greeks, Inc., Dept. U, P. O. Box 423, New York 36, N.Y., Rev. Spiros Zodhiates General Secretary. (In Canada: 90 Duplex Ave., Toronto 7, Ont.)

This mission is also reaching the souls of the thousands of tubercular people in Greece by providing Bibles and New Testaments for them in the Greek language. While we are concerned about the tragedy of the suffering body, we must not forget the plight of the sinful heart.

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history last year at St. Louis, Mo., with 11,000 persons participating.

Individual churches have been requested to promote the national standard of the Sunday School Department, to expand the use of the up-to-date literature, and to enlarge their visitation program.

The forty-three districts of the church will be requested to hold conventions each year to stimulate interest in Sunday School work.

The Sunday School Department plans to achieve a large part of the increase in enrollment by establishment of 365 new Sunday Schools each year and by promotion of the Advanced Training School held two weeks each year at the national headquarters to train teachers and church school workers.

REFORM

Evangelical Prohibition Presidential Candidate

MILFORD, Ind.—The National Prohibition Party met here in convention on September 4, 5, and 6 with delegates in attendance from coast to coast, and nominated a ticket to carry the banner for 1956.

The nominee for president is Dr. E. A. Holtwick, professor of history and government in Greenville College, Illinois. Dr. Holtwick has occupied the chair of history and government at this college for 32 years. He was born in Missouri in '81 and educated at Greenville College and the Universities of Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan.

The Vice-President candidate, Brigadier-General Holdridge (retired) 63 years of age, was born in Wyandotte, Michigan. He entered West Point in 1913, and graduated in 1917.

General Holdridge taught history briefly at Columbia University. At this time he obtained his M.A. degree in Social Science from Columbia University. He also received two Doctor of Law Degrees in 1934, one from the American University of Washington, D. C., and the other from Grinnell College, Iowa, for his accomplishments in administration and social sciences.

New officers of the Party were elected. They are Professor E. Harold Munn, of Michigan, National Chairman; Dr. Richard R. Blews, of Pennsylvania, Vice-Chairman; Ralph C. March, of Michigan, Secretary; C. Floyd Hester, of Kansas, Treasurer.

An Administrator in charge of the headquarters at Winona Lake, Indiana, was elected in the person of Rev. Virgil C. Finnell.

Lord's Day Alliance Surveys Sunday Laws

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—A survey of the Sunday laws, now on the statute books of the 48 states of our nation, is currently being made by the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States. Melvin M. Forney, general secretary of the Alliance said that this survey was undertaken because of the tremendous interest being shown in every section of our country, relative to the proper observance of the Lord's Day.

Letters were sent to the attorney generals of the states, asking them to furnish the Alliance with the laws of their commonwealth relating to Sunday. A questionnaire, prepared by the Lord's Day Alliance, accompanied the letter. After the returns from the states are received in the headquarters office of the Alliance, a report will be made to bring up to date the status of the Sunday laws in the forty-eight states. This will be the first time in recent years that such a compilation of Sunday laws has been made.

According to the Alliance spokesman, communities in over twenty states are currently engaged in campaigns to close stores on Sunday and to return the Lord's Day to the Church. This trend, toward a better observance of the "Christian Sabbath," is gaining momentum rapidly. The Alliance office, according to Mr. Forney, is besieged with requests, from every section of the nation, for literature and helps on the proper observance of Sunday. Forney predicts that if the present trend continues, it will not be long before there will be a tremendous public opinion to close business houses on Sunday and to give the Day to the Church for worship and the propagation of the Gospel.

RADIO - TV

Charges Brewery-Sponsored Movie Parodies Christianity

LEXINGTON, Ky.—(RNS)—A Protestant clergyman here protested against a movie shown over a local television station on the grounds that it constituted "a base parody on evangelical Christianity."

Rev. Steadman Bagby of First Methodist church said the film was a "revolting" caricature of professional church workers and "a satirical thrust at the evangelical church, the traditional enemy of alcoholic beverages."

He made the protest in letters to Station WKRC-TV, the Bavarian Brewing Co., sponsors of the program, and the Methodist Board of Temperance.

Accusing the brewing firm of deliberately showing the movie, the minister said he was "sending this information to assist in substantiating arguments now before Congress that the alcoholic beverages industry should be forbidden by legal act from advertising their infamous wares."

Mr. Bagby said the picture portrayed a teacher at an island school as "overly zealous in her pursuit of the male lead" and, in the end, as "a deliberate liar and unconscientious thief."

While the name of no specific church body was mentioned, he added, "the only logical inference was that she represented a Protestant mission group."

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"Know Your America Week" Set for Thanksgiving Time

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Know Your America Week" will be observed this year during the Thanksgiving period November 20 through November 26, according to announcement here by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. Theme for this year

is "Consider the Blessings of Freedom."

Last year 2,700 communities celebrated this event and preliminary talks with officials of organizations indicate that many more will participate this year. Civic programs are offered as a guide to planning and executing a community-wide observance. Purpose of the programs is to kindle the spirit of freedom and arouse citizens against Communism. Copies are available for distribution and may be secured by writing to Joseph J. Woolfson, Chairman Know Your America Week Committee, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

Albuquerque Residents Form POAU Chapter

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—(RNS)—A group of Albuquerque residents who object to a new state law which permits the use of public funds for transportation of parochial school children are organizing a chapter of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The decision was made at a public rally here at which Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU, Washington, D. C. was the principal speaker. He was invited here by the New Mexico Pastors Conference, an organization within the Southern Baptist Convention.

About four hundred persons attended the rally at First Baptist church.

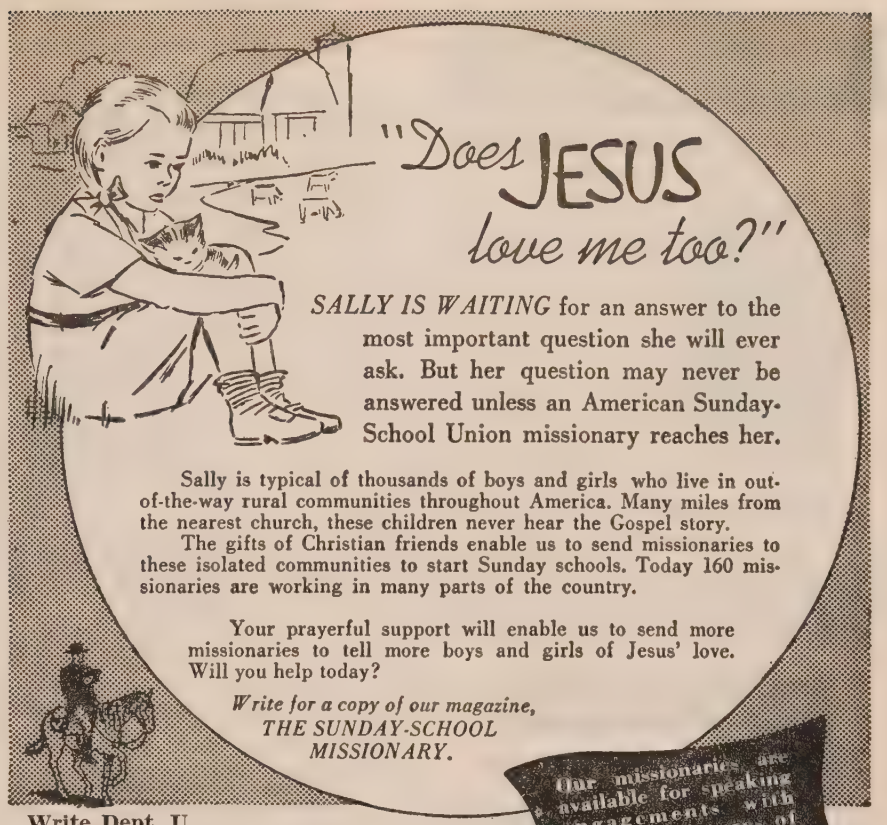
The commissions of two New Mexico counties—Rio Arriba and Taos—voted funds for the transportation of parochial school students this year. Bernalillo County commissioners approved a token amount for this purpose but it was revoked in a pruning of the budget by the State Tax Commission.

American Conference To Combat Communism

WASHINGTON, D. C.—From all parts of the nation representatives of organizations comprising a total membership of more than fifty million Americans will convene on November 4-5, in Chicago's Edgewater Beach Hotel for the Sixth Annual Meeting of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism.

In the official call for the plenary session Conference Chairman A. T. Whayne of the American Hotel Association has announced that plans for the meeting will feature some lively panel sessions on the Conference theme for 1955, "Where Do We Stand Today in the Fight Against Communism." Among the noted personalities that will discuss aspects of the question in the course of the two day meeting will be Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald,* Dr. Godfrey Schmidt, President of Aware, Inc., Mr. John Caldwell, well-known author and missionary, and Mr. Oleg Zabrodsky, Czech Olympic star who chose freedom rather than return to his enslaved homeland.

On Friday evening General Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine Ambassador to the United Nations and outspoken critic of Russian totalitarianism, will be the featured speaker at the Annual Banquet to be held in the East Lounge. Guests at this outstanding event will include important leaders from all areas of American life.



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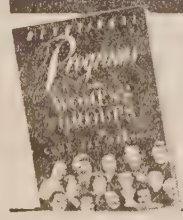

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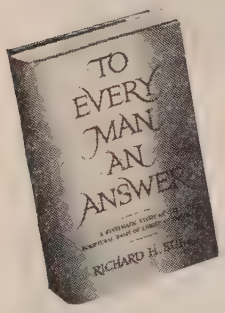

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Gen. Lonardi Pledges Freedom for Churches

BUENOS AIRES —(RNS)— Gen. Eduardo Lonardi, Argentina's new provisional president, pledged support and freedom for the Roman Catholic Church, following the overthrow of the Peron regime. At the same time he promised respect and liberty for all faiths.

Gen. Lonardi made the pledges in addressing a huge crowd which jammed the historic Plaza de Mayo after he was sworn into office.

Close by, as he took oath of allegiance in the White Room of Government House, was Santiago Luis Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires.

Vigorous applause by the throng interrupted Gen. Lonardi as he declared he was happy to put an end to the persecution of the Catholic Church.

Speaking from the balcony of Government House, the new Chief of State told how the successful revolt was planned and carried out. He flayed the regime of deposed President Juan D. Peron.

Church bells pealed joyfully as he drove in an automobile from the airport through the beflagged streets lined with cheering crowds to Government House.

Italian Police Halt Protestant Meeting

ROME—(RNS)—Police officials in Florence halted a religious meeting being held there by Rev. Lido Petrini, Italian-born minister of the Church of Christ, an American mission group.

The officials said their action was in accordance with Article XVII of the national police laws prohibiting unauthorized gatherings.

In similar situations in the past, Protestant leaders have contended that the police laws, passed in 1929 and 1930 under Italy's fascist regime, were superseded by the 1947 constitution guaranteeing religious freedom.

Mr. Petrini was arrested on a similar charge at Alessandria, northern Italy late in 1952 but was released without being tried. In March, 1954, police officials at Leghorn, 160 miles north of here, rescinded an order imposed a month earlier banning him from the city for a five-year period.

Anglican Evangelicals See Canon Law Revision

LONDON —(RNS)— Revision of Church of England canon law "to promote spiritual efficiency and cohesion" in the Anglican communion was endorsed by a conference of evangelical churchmen held at Oxford.

The meeting was sponsored by the Church Society, a group formed in 1950 by the merger of two evangelical Church of England organizations—the Church Association and the National Church League. The society is pledged to work for the "true revival of spiritual religion" in the Anglican communion.

In a resolution putting it on record as "welcoming" revision, the conference said that evangelical churchmen will accept and endorse "with ready mind" any changes in canon law that observe the following principles:

"1. That no unnecessary burdens are laid on them nor their loyalty strained by compulsion.

"2. That episcopal authority shall leave room for exercise of discretion and responsibility by the clergy.

"3. That the right to participate in all decisions concerning the government of the Church shall be restored to the laity."

Above all, the resolution added, Holy Scripture should be maintained "as the sole ground and final test in matters of faith."

Revision of the Church's canon law has been under discussion for some years. In 1939, the Archbishop's Commission on Canon Law was appointed to study the matter. In 1947, the commission published a report with recommended revisions. These are still being discussed by the Convocations of Canterbury and York.

Russian Churches Tolerated; Education Is Anti-Religious

WEST HARTFORD, Conn.—(RNS) —Churches are Tolerated in Russia but the nation's educational program

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remains anti-religious, Miss Eleanor Zelliot of Richmond, Ind., associate editor of the *American Friend*, reported here. She was one of six American Quakers who recently toured the Soviet Union.

Miss Zelliot spoke at a two-day meeting of Quakers from Connecticut, Rhode Island and western Massachusetts and the executive committee of the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

She said that during the delegation's month-long tour they were denied only two requests—a trip to the Baltic area and one to a labor camp.

She said churches were crowded but pointed out that in Moscow there are only 55 houses of worship while the city has a population estimated at from 4,000,000 to 8,000,000.

The Quaker group gained the impression, the editor said, that the churches in the city were a haven for those who have suffered, while those in country areas are truly a center of community activity.

People in Russia are always willing to speak of peace, she said. But although religious groups are constantly talking of peace, she added, "we had the distinct impression that it was only lip service in line with the official pronouncements on the subject with little positive service to the cause of true peace."

Miss Zelliot described the Russians as "always strange, always mysterious, always hard to understand." She also called them "kind, secure and misinformed." The only restlessness visible, she said, was among intellectuals.

Spanish Baptist Union Adds Eight New Groups

MADRID—(RNS)—Eight new Baptist communities in Spain applied for membership in the Spanish Union at its biennial convention here. This brings the number of Baptist congregations in the organization to thirty-seven with a combined membership of 2,100 persons.

Theme of the convention was "Our Baptist Heritage." Much of the discussion at the meeting centered on the condition and prospects of the Baptist Church in Spain and the problem of Protestant civil marriages in this country.

It was generally brought out that relations with Spanish authorities vary from relative smoothness in some areas to a certain degree of friction in others.

The three-day meeting was attended by eighty-nine delegates—of whom about twenty were pastors—and fifty visitors. The sessions were preceded by a two-day conference of the Baptist Women's Union.

West German Cities Get Tent Missions

BERLIN—(RNS)—Thirty teams of evangelists toured West German cities this summer in an extensive "tent missionary" program.

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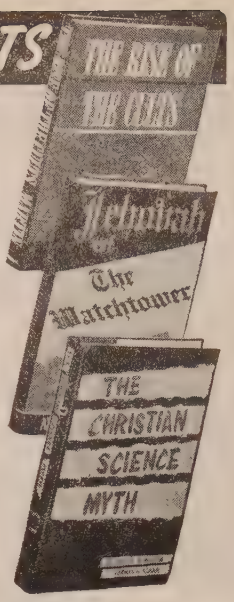

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Greek Evangelicals Protest Turk Riots

ATHENS—(RNS)—A message protesting the recent anti-Greek riots in Turkey was sent by the executive committee of the General Synod of the Greek Evanglical Church to leaders of Protestant Churches in the USA and Europe.

The message also rebuked those nations "professed to be Christian," which, it said, "encouraged the activities of the anti-Christian forces."

It called especially upon Christians in Great Britain "to raise their voices to condemn all crimes committed and all the anti-Christian methods which are being employed to suppress the just claims of our fellow Greeks of Cyprus."

The outbreaks in Turkey were the result of the political dispute over Cyprus. Ethnically and traditionally Greek, Cyprus is a British crown colony. For some time Cypriots have been agitating for reunion with Greece. The island has a substantial Turkish minority which opposes reunion (*Action*, October 15).

PERSONALIA

Thorvald B. Madsen, vice president of Trinity Seminary and College in Chicago, has been appointed acting president of the school replacing Dr. C. Raymond Ludwigson who has accepted a position on the faculty of Wheaton College.

Howard A. Keithley, pastor of the Grand Rapids Berean Baptist Church, was elected moderator of the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptists at its forty-seventh annual meeting. He succeeds Dr. David Otis Fuller, pastor of the Wealthy Street Baptist Church. There are now eighty churches in this Association.

Merv Rosell, nationally-known evangelist, was the speaker at Religious Emphasis Week at Taylor University this year.

Elmer S. Sachs, director of Sky Pilots of America, has established headquarters in Fort Collins, Colo.

J. Robert Swauger, secretary of the Board of Home Missions of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, was stricken with a heart attack while on a business trip to Pasadena, Calif., and died in St. Luke's Hospital there, September 23.

Rene Pache, chairman of the Swiss Evangelical Fellowship, and president of the Institute Emmaus, will be a delegate to the World Evangelical Fellowship Conference in Barrington, R.I., in August, 1956. He will have time for a limited number of engagements in the USA which may be arranged through the NAE Commission on International Relations (p. 16).

Lt. Gen. Sir Arthur Smith, the president of the World Evangelical Fellowship, and Lady Smith, are planning a visit to Norway, Sweden and Denmark in May, 1956.

William Goulooze, professor of Pastoral Theology and Christian Education at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Mich., died at Holland Hospital recently following a long illness. Dr. Goulooze, a graduate of the Free University of Amsterdam and the author of a number of books, had wide influence for good in his denomination, The Reformed Church of America, and beyond.

David T. Halkola has been named the first lay president of Suomi College and Theological Seminary at Hancock, Mich. Suomi is conducted by the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (Suomi Synod).

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World Report

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Philippine Islands

(The following is a letter just received from a Filipino national carrying on an indigenous gospel work. The Philippines have as yet failed to achieve a national evangelical fellowship. The lack of this may bring their freedoms to an end, as Rome fights for control of government.)

Dear Dr. Wright:

Thank you for your last letter. It encourages us in our fight for the Gospel in interior places and pagan tribes. It will be a great day when you, or a representative of the Fellowship, can allow time to visit and see our humble efforts and witness how the Lord loves even the last pagan, naked in the jungles, and witness how He honors the simple faith of His servants. Our group is "only a Filipino" (native) faith work struggling against all odds and hardships, believing with the Apostle Paul that God is no respecter of person and we can do all things through Christ, as in Him we are more than conquerors.

On the 30th of August, all non-Roman Catholics marched to Malascanang Palace in a demonstration against the Order of the Secretary of Education, a Knight of the Pope, practically making Catholic religious instruction compulsory in our public schools. Veterans of the early Spanish-Philippine war marched with us also, and a new organization called "The Spirit of 1896," for safeguarding liberties bought with blood in that year. We truly will see great things in this country as the Roman Church is doing all to retain supremacy they had during those dark days of our history.

In the University, Jesuits are attempting, through Catholic Action and the Knights of Columbus, to control our public schools. American priests are now multiplying here fast. The irony of the situation is that American missionaries brought the Gospel here, and now American priests are trying to destroy that Gospel. In southern Mindanao we have the rich, powerful Notre Dame College, with American priests and sisters, trying to dominate and control. They are doing everything to put us out of the way, close our poor and humble mission school with the Bible school.

They tried for the third time to burn our two half-finished school buildings, but Brother Edralin, our brave worker in charge, was warned in a dream. He got up at 1 a.m. and rushed out toward the school just in time to see the smoke and sound the alarm, so only the bamboo partitions with blackboards were consumed by the flames.

They shot arrows at our mission house with a warning that they would kill all the teachers if they would not close the school. Everyone is still alive, healthy and happy and all classes going on, praise the Lord.

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Rev. Robert Savage

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4. An annual Victorious Life Convention for the believers throughout the country.
5. Evangelistic campaigns.
6. Collecting of information relating to persecution, opposition and violence against evangelicals in Ecuador.

The following is part of the report which was presented at the 1955 Retreat:

The Field: The total population of Ecuador is 3,514,820. Of this Ecuadorian authorities estimate that only twenty-five per cent can be classed as urban population. Apart from Quito and Guayaquil, there are no really large cities, and including the two above there are only five towns with a population greater than 30,000. Missionary work must take into account an overwhelming percentage of rural population.

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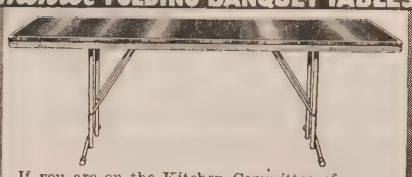
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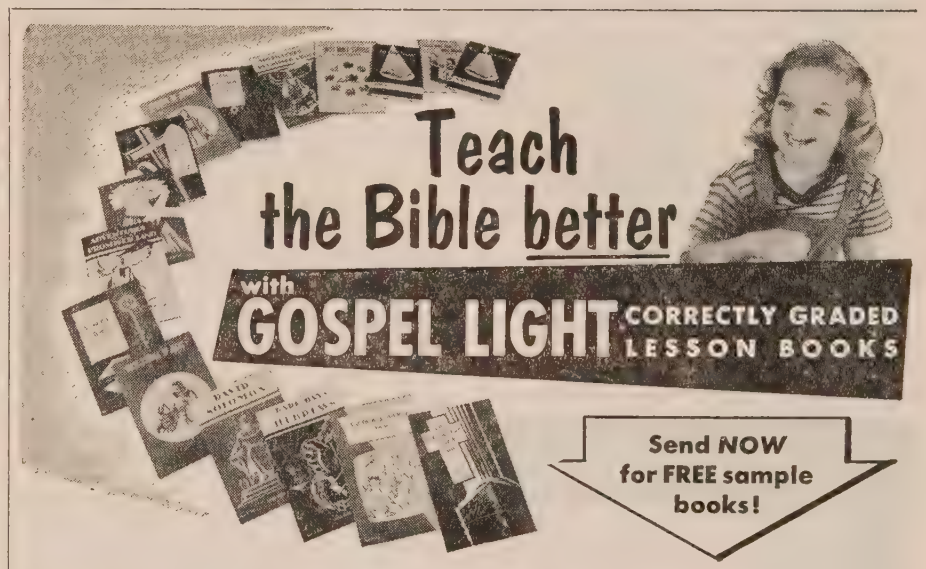

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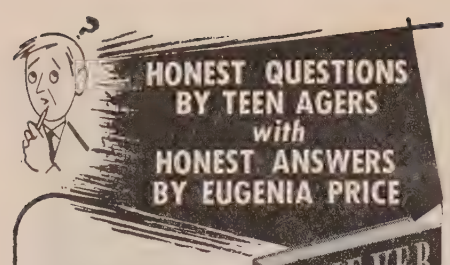

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only at a rate of 26% and the Oriento at 25%. In the Sierra Loja is the fastest growing province, and Imbabura the slowest. The country as a whole is 43% illiterate.

There are four provinces without missionary personnel at the present time. There are in addition five provinces in which work is being carried on only in one center by missionaries.

The Missionaries and their Work: Twenty years ago, the missionary population was approximately thirty-six. At the time of this conference there were a total of 245 missionaries, representing fourteen missionary groups. In addition the Summer Institute of Linguistics has twenty-two workers in their specialized field of missionary linguistics.

Of the missionaries an amazing percentage are in some kind of specialized work. Some 114 are engaged in either office, English speaking school work, radio work, maintenance, or institute work. Thus a total of 47% are occupied in supporting work of the general missionary program. Of the remaining 131 in more general missionary work, forty-two have been on furlough this year so that actually less than 100 have been on the firing line with the exclusive goal of contacting the people, winning souls and building churches. Another twenty-three workers are expected by the various groups in the next few months.

Schools and Medical Work: There are at present twenty evangelical schools in Ecuador, with an average of 1,084 pupils. Of these 549 are White and 535 Indians, 301 of whom are from the jungles.

National Believers and Churches: The number of national believers in established national churches and mission stations is approximately 2,170. In addition there are many scattered believers, the number of whom is almost impossible to estimate. There were well over 200 baptized this year, showing a decided upswing in the progress of national church life. There are at least forty-seven national churches now established, with an attendance well over 4,000 a Sunday. There are at least thirty-eight national workers associated with various missions in full-time work. There are three Bible Institutes, with thirty-seven students. Everywhere increased offerings and national leadership and responsibility were reported.

Conclusions as a Result of Study: The call to new missionaries might well be "Go South." In the four southern provinces there are only two mission stations, neither of them as yet strong or numerous. The two coastal provinces of Guayas and Manabi seem to warrant greater missionary support and work in view of the fact that they are the largest provinces in the country. Work in the jungles seems to have found a natural level, and with the possible addition of relatively few more missionaries, there is strong hope among the jungle workers that with the existing staffs they will be able, Lord willing, with the invaluable collaboration of SIL's linguistic work to reach the jungle tribes in our generation.

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need and each missionary should be asking God for keen young "Timothys" to train. In view of the slightly more than 200 believers who were baptized this year, it appears that we 245 missionaries were not able to baptize and welcome into church fellowship even one national each for every missionary in this country. This is cause for humility and heart-searching.

We must adopt the "servant character" of Christ. We come to serve. We must identify ourselves with the people, enjoy their life, find pleasures in their interests, and avoid the danger of always thinking of furlough. We must live out the "divine love" within us. Nationals are quick to notice our weaknesses, and very rapidly have us pigeon-holed.

Ecuador is a very poor country. Missionaries must identify themselves with its poverty. There are two principal barriers to understanding the people: the economic and the racial. Racial discrimination does exist among some missionaries as well as an unwillingness to modify our mode of living to roughly correspond to the economic level of the people we are trying to reach. Since there is poverty in Ecuador there is more sorrow than laughter and missionaries must cry more than laugh.

Missionaries must be aware of the danger of attributing the customs of some Ecuadorians to all of them. The main hindrance to freely mixing with the people is not the economic level on which we live but the making obvious of that difference by attitude and habit. Missionaries must beware of allowing a person who abuses their kindness to turn them from performing other deeds of kindness. One abuse does not warrant a complete withholding.

Three basic elements are necessary for the missionary when dealing with Latins: tact, courtesy and self-discipline. When two or more missionaries are in the presence of one or more Latins never talk English—it is an unforgiveable breach of courtesy. When a Latin in sincerity speaks to you in English don't reply in Spanish just to show him that you know his language. Allow him to practice his English and win a friend. Never use English as a means of speaking about private things in the presence of others. You cannot tell when you have offended a Latin by the look on his face—courtesy demands that they do not show it. Be sure you make good explanations. Anglo-Saxons are blunt and brusque and tend to assume that others understand them. Repeat explanations frequently and explain fully.

Egypt

Rev. W. A. McGill

Our Inter-Mission Work Camp was the first in Egypt under the sponsorship of a Protestant Church. It was made possible through the efforts of the young people of the United Presbyterian Church in North America who not only campaigned to raise the funds but who sent fourteen American young people to participate actively in construction work. The project has been to establish a Permanent Youth Conference Center for the young people, primarily of the Evangelical Church of Egypt. This one is located on the Mediterranean shore, 19 kilometers west of Alexandria. The fund-raising objective of $28,000 was far exceeded, and at last report has passed the $36,000 mark.

Three work periods were held, each of two weeks, during July and August, during which Egyptian and American young men and women worked between seven and eight hours daily digging (for foundations), mixing concrete, carpentering, laying building blocks, leveling rocky terrain, fitting door and window frames, pumping water, etc. It was rougher work than many of them had ever done, but out of it arose not only the shape of a principal conference building but also a vision of a new realm of prac-

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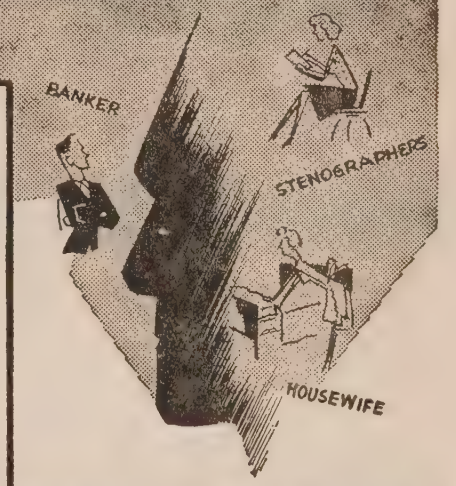

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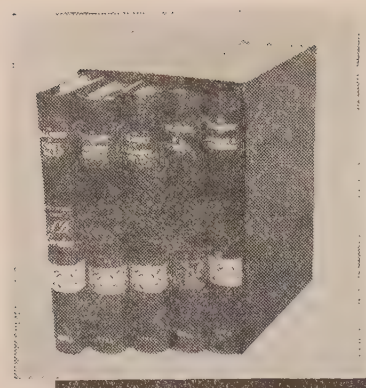

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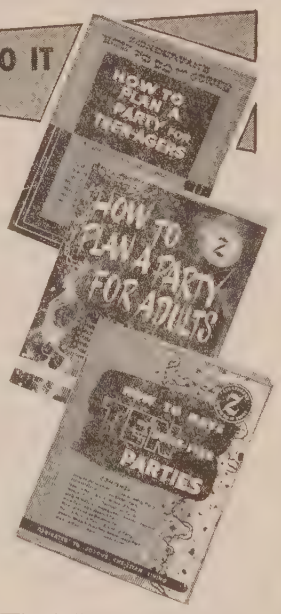

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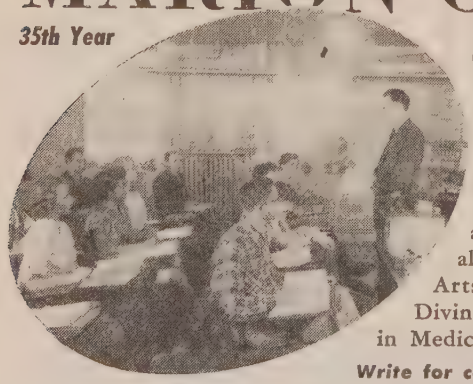

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While it may prove necessary to have most of the major building work that remains completed by a contractor, it is almost certain that real work-camping will hereafter be an integral part of youth conferences in Egypt—at least as far as the Evangelical Church is concerned. It likewise seems likely that the door will be opened to other local evangelical groups to use the same site for their youth conferences, during which specific work projects will contribute, across the years, to the usefulness of the center.

One of the projects in which the Egypt Inter-Mission Council is actively engaged is that of bringing relief to Arab refugees. For several years a special committee of the EIMC has been at work supervising the distribution of food, clothing, and funds to thousands of needy refugees. Nearly all of the various missionary institutions of learning in Cairo have contributed to this ministry by including numbers of refugee children among their tuition-free pupils.

A great deal of interest was stirred up in many church and mission circles when word leaked out that there was some possibility of Dr. Billy Graham paying a visit to Egypt enroute to or from India next year should plans for his proposed campaign there go through. News of his campaigns in London and Edinburgh, as well as in the States and on the Continent is watched carefully by evangelical Christians all over Egypt. And when the documentary film "London Crusade" was brought to Egypt this spring on a six-month lease it had very acceptable reception at showings before church, mission and school groups in several of Egypt's major cities. Many are praying that it will be possible for Dr. Graham to give two or three days to a brief campaign in Egypt in the near future.

The needs of both missions and churches are being served with increasing effectiveness through the work of an EIMC committee on Audio Visual Aids under the direction of Dr. Ewing Bailey who has for several years been building up a library of slides, filmstrips and flannelgraph materials for loan to Christian groups of all denominations who request them. The central library is housed in the library of the American College for Girls, Cairo, and a catalog in English and Arabic lists titles and numbers of all the sets available. Many churches and church societies, following Dr. Bailey's suggestion, have availed themselves of his Purchasing Service in order to provide themselves with their own slide and filmstrip projectors. Those located in areas that have no electricity have been encouraged to buy a projector designed by Dr. Bailey for use with a Coleman lantern. This committee has recently been approached by the directors of the new Christian broadcasting station in Liberia with a view to securing Christian programs recorded in Arabic on magnetic tape for beaming from the Liberian station to Arabic-speaking areas. Work on this new project continues.

A recent venture in co-operative Christian service has been the Girls' Hostel for University students established and operated since 1951 through

the combined efforts of the Church Missionary Society (Episcopal), the Egypt General Mission (mainly British non-Conformists), and the American Mission (United Presbyterian). The need for a home with a Christian atmosphere for girl students in Cairo's various universities had long been stressed in Church and Mission circles. But it was in 1951 that the CMS voted to loan a part of their building in the Rodah area of Cairo for an experiment in this type of service. The EGM appointed one of its missionaries to be supervisor, and the American Mission helped with the finances that were needed to bring the project to the point of self-sufficiency.

After two precarious years, during which the committee's crucial task was to acquaint Christian families all over the country that such a place was available, the Hostel finally began to be known and the numbers of applicants to increase toward capacity. During the past two years, the full facilities of the Hostel have been used, with 20 girls in residence during the academic season. Girls have come from evangelical families in various parts of Egypt and from the homes of refugees. Not only are they provided with comfortable living and study quarters and full board, but with daily periods for Bible reading and prayers together as a family. It is a source of thanksgiving that the Hostel when used to capacity, is able to pay its own way and this gives promise of another year of usefulness. Its existence points up the sharp need for a similar hostel, or hostels, for boys whose numbers in Egypt's universities still far exceed those of girls.

Israel

Rev. M. G. Griebenow

Today giant machines start to pump water from the headwaters of the Yarkon River through many miles of sixty-six inch steel-reinforced concrete pipe to irrigate desert land of the Negev, or southland of Israel. Thousands of acres of heretofore arid desert will now be made to grow much needed food. The supply of water gushes forth from the western bases of the mountains of Samaria and Judea. The mountains of Samaria, still in the hands of the Kingdom of Jordan today, is the site of the capital of the Northern Kingdom of ancient divided Israel. Here the King Ahab with his wicked Queen Jezebel built their ivory palaces. The winter rains which fall on these mountains gather in subterranean reservoirs and come again to the surface in these wonderful springs. Until now the water has largely been wasted as it flowed down the Yarkon River into the Mediterranean Sea. In ancient times the Romans built the fortress of Antipatris near the Rosh Ha'ayin Springs (as the headwaters of the Yarkon are called) and it was here that St. Paul spent the night enroute to Caesarea under escort. Caesarea's water supply no doubt also came from these Springs. As the waters of these Springs are now far more than sufficient to supply the needs of the coastal area from Tel Aviv to Nathanya (generally known as the Plains of Sharon), the surplus is to be used to bring life to the hot, dry Negev.

Another great stride in the progress of this land was made a few weeks ago when plows started to break the newly dried swamps of the Huleh Lake Region at the foot of Mount Hermon north of the Sea of Galilee. By sufficient dredging and by ditching, thousands of acres of this land is now made tillable. Some think this is the area called the Springs of Merom in Joshua's day. The water which has been drained from there is to be tunnelled and pumped into storage basins and finally is to be fed into additional huge pinlines that will carry it southward into the thirsty desert lands.

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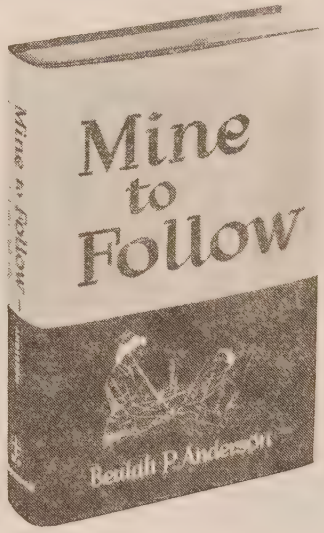

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New colonies have been built in the Lachish area along the Border road from here to Beersheba and not far from Gath. Immigrants, mainly from North African countries, are now brought directly from the port of entry to these settlements where temporary housing (sometimes only tents) and water has been provided. The speed at which these settlements are developed causes us to marvel. What amazing progress the people of this new (yet old) country are making! It is truly very refreshing to see genuine incentive to build and to advance. It is a mighty force that needs no stimulation. Rather it is like a power suddenly released after having been obstructed for so long. We are convinced that God still has greater things for this land of His choice and this people of His peculiar Calling. Let us pray much for them and follow with interest and sympathy the future strides of progress that will surely come to pass in God's will—for has it not been so foretold in His Holy Word? May the spiritual clean water of Life promised by the prophets be poured forth abundantly to give spiritual life to many!

Colombia

Rev. Francisco Ordonaz

The Evangelical Confederation of Colombia was organized in 1950, although for some years we had endeavored to draw together the various groups working in Colombia. But the organization of our Confederation was the result of the persecution. In the face of the common enemy that was trying to annihilate evangelical work in the country, we all put our shoulders to the wheel. Today the CEDEC is a strong organization and well accepted by all the evangelical groups, with the exception of two or three, though some have shown a good brotherly spirit.

In December of last year we met in the Fifth General Assembly, at Barranquilla. There for the first time CEDEC employed the services of a Christian lawyer to attend to the claims of the churches and missions before the government. You may be sure that the lawyer is well-occupied, for the opposition against us is constant in all the fields.

In conjunction with the meetings of the CEDEC, the First Congress of Eavngelical Professors of Colombia was held, for the purpose of studying the way to organize an Association of Evangelical Schools and Colleges. This association will come into being next year, the Lord willing.

The good relations between the groups is constantly improving. We are co-operating in evangelistic campaigns, in the defense of our rights, and we are hoping that soon we will be able to do the same in the field of literature, as well as in the field

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of teaching. In the Bible institutes there is full co-operation among the majority of the denominations. For example, in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Institute, last year, there were students from six different denominations.

Next year, we celebrate the centennial of the arrival in this country of the first missionary, Rev. Henry B. Pratt, translator of the Bible into the version called Modern. All the denominations of the CEDEC are co-operating in this celebration, as follows: (1) Large Evangelistic campaigns: (2) Revival campaigns in the churches; (3) The distribution of 20,000 New Testaments in a special edition that the Bible Societies are preparing; (4) Publication of a history of the Evangelical work in Colombia, which will be done in Spanish and then translated into English; (5) Filming a picture that will show the principal activities of the Centennial and other aspects of the work; (6) Special programs to be held on various dates of the year to celebrate the occasion.

Jamaica

Rev. Cy Huckerby

We had a fine meeting of thirty ministers recently, all representing various evangelical denominations. There was a precious spirit in our midst. We have not yet circularized all the ministers. This is being done and by January we will be ready to nominate and appoint our executive officers. We are desirous of making contact with as many denominations as we can, first of all, before organizing. In the meantime, would you send me about 300 of your leaflets, "This is World Evangelical Fellowship."

(This report follows an earlier inquiry concerning the formation of an Evangelical Fellowship in Jamaica).

Cuba

Rev. Thomas H. Willey

El Concilio de Iglesias Cubanas is an effort to unite all the evangelical forces in Cuba in a solid front against any opposing forces. Also, it is a means of fellowship, and has proven an inspiration to our people. As to the convictions of the members, all we have heard have a very evangelistic ring and there is an earnest desire to see a revival and the salvation of souls. Through this organization plans are under way to establish a Christian university and an evangelical hospital. There is a radio program carried on under the auspices of the organization.

At the present time, they are planning an Island-wide campaign under the direction of the Latin American Mission. Our mission welcomes these organizations. A year ago there was a campaign under Youth for Christ having such men as William Gillam of Medellin, Colombia, James Savage, of Venezuela, Bob Savage of Ecuador and Paul Hartford. We are greatly in sympathy with the World Evangelical Fellowship. Any cooperation will be welcomed here in Cuba. Ours has been a rather personal feeling, being so closely related to Dr. Clyde W. Taylor who has ministered to us here.

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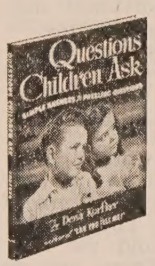

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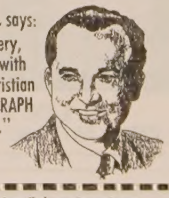

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Uruguay

Rev. F. V. Dabold

When we came to Uruguay in 1946 the little country was just beginning to open up, in a sense. The first attempt at united action was in 1952, when Dr. Taylor and Dr. Dawson Trottman came for a conference. The Brethren and Southern Baptists joined with our Mission for this conference. In December 1954, the Latin American Evangelization Team came to Montevideo for a united campaign. As for union action among the fundamental churches, it was a success. The Brethren, the Southern Baptists, the Nazarenes the Evangelical Armenians and the Evangelical Mission to Uruguay took the main leads in the campaign with a few smaller independent groups and individual missionaries without churches uniting.

Likewise, once a month, the Fundamental missionaries have a united prayer meeting, praying especially for revival in Uruguay. Mr. Keith Bentson, of the EMU, is secretary.

As far as evangelical work in Uruguay is concerned, the doors are wide open to the Gospel, the government being a pure democracy. There is absolutely no opposition and we have the greatest liberty. There are no natural barriers to the work of evangelism, such as deserts, mountains, jungles and tribal languages (there are no Indians in the country), and thus the complete evangelization should be a comparatively easy job. We believe there is a greater coming together of true evangelicals in Uruguay now than heretofore. Youth for Christ has begun here, too, and we now have monthly meetings.

Syria and Lebanon

Abraham K. Seferian

In these countries, there are Turks, Kurds, Duries, Charkes, Chaldeans and Armenians with diversified religious views since a large portion of the population is Moslem with Orthodox Greeks and Syrians, Roman Catholics, Protestants, both modernist and evangelical, and Seventh Day Adventists, Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses.

Because of the lukewarmness in the Church individuals of various denominations which were revivied during the great movement of 1900 banded together to witness to others and to teach their children the doctrines of the Bible. At first meetings were held in the homes or yards, then in tents or barracks, then church buildings were erected. They became known as "Bible Churches" and finally as the Brotherhood.

During the years, Christian day schools have been established, a three-year Bible school begun, and widespread work carried on. Now 20,000 tracts are printed monthly in two languages, as well as books and a monthly magazine.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Thailand leaders are becoming more and more conscious of a need for fellowship among evangelicals. Recently a meeting was called to discuss the formation of an Evangelical Fellowship there which at the beginning at least would be unaffiliated with any outside movement but would be a real advance in united action among the evangelicals there.

Dr. Oswald J. Smith, of People's Church in Toronto, is on a missionary tour embracing South Africa, Egypt, Greece, France and England. He is a member of the Commission on International Relations.

The Saigon, Viet Nam, Gospel Crusade under the leadership of the Rev. David Morken was very successful. Many decisions were made. After reaching the Vietnamese he continued ministering to the Chinese of the area, of whom there are large congregations.

Friends in USA provided funds for tape recording material to be obtained in order to take advantage of an opportunity to minister in the schools of Korea. On September 11, these recorded messages were given regularly during the lunch periods and recreational times in Seoul.

The Christian Academy in Tokyo, Japan, reports five years of progress. A new gymnasium is in the process of construction, a real need for the physical development of the 120 students now attending the Academy. This institution was founded largely for the children of missionaries but ministers to others as well.

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Readers Say

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record making? There must be dozens of such trained Christians in this country.

And while those on the field plead, "In two years it may be too late!"; when every master record not made means thousands of records not in circulation; when every record not made means thousands of souls who will not hear (many of these in harems and other places where missionaries would probably never be allowed) as well as thousands of people with sin-dulled minds who will never really "get" the freeing truths of the Gospel unless they are repeated over and over and over—as on a record. Why this lag? A business firm would not tolerate such bottlenecks for half an hour!

And perhaps most pressing of all, why do we have to bring back two out of every five of our missionaries after spending thousands of dollars on them? And why do two out of five missionaries never return to the field for a second term? But the loss is not all in dollars, either. Some of those I have known have been cut off by unsaved parents because they were willing, for Christ's sake, to be sent overseas by a board, when any state job placement gal could have told them beforehand that they were not fitted for foreign missionary work.

In any case, the testimony at home and on the field, and the tragic bewilderment

of starting all over again under the onus of "failure" are dreadful mistakes, which are in most cases, unnecessary.

It takes a trained person to give personality tests, but within the last two or three years they have come to a state of completeness and simplicity that would make a continuance of such a record of failure somewhat above our impressive average for stupidities.

The third step, says the *Digest* article, is *PREPARATION*. Collect the facts. All the facts. Interview missionaries here and on the field. Make a detailed record of all services available and useful in any field—"Food For Millions Foundation (a complete dried food that doubles the usefulness of a pioneer missionary); the Navigators' program (they are in charge of Billy Graham's follow-up work and have a resident program for training missionary leaders).

Wear out atlases and census reports and encyclopedias. *And* file and cross-file all these facts where they can be found. That, in turn, calls for somebody with the instincts of a pack rat and the training of a file clerk. Someone who can prophesy what questions she will be asked, who will fine-comb the magazines on the news stands and every letter that comes in and file all mention of potential help, personnel, lasting problems, and soforth. Someone who will take shorthand notes of conferences with missionaries and cross file the results. Someone who, if alerted ahead of time, will write letters and ask questions of her own.

With this information in hand and available to all, much time and money would be saved.

We can break up our complete problem into a lot of others, still pretty big ones; we can define them and gather information about them, but it is still one big problem.

"The Gospel to every creature." That is the way the Lord handed it to us, in one lump, and nineteen hundred years of piecemeal effort might suggest that that is the way we are going to have to think about it, in one lump.

Perhaps we need to stop talking about "stations" which are static—yes, stationary—and start talking about "camps" as a mountain climbing team builds camps, to adjust to the new altitude before pressing on. Perhaps our maps needs to look different. Perhaps, instead of being sprinkled over with dots, they should be pierced with arrows, the arrows moving together in large sweeps. Perhaps we need to think as a general thinks, in terms of motion, fronts, pockets, timing, and campaigns.

Perhaps we need one over-all campaign plan, flexible as any general's plan must be, but one. Perhaps for the first time since apostolic times, we are ready for it.

In reading over this letter, I am struck by the number of times I have said "we" meaning the Church in the Scriptural sense, the body of born-again believers. And I realize that lately I have seen it used so a lot. But that is new. Even a few years ago we weren't thinking in those terms. Perhaps we are just ready for someone to come along and say, "It can be done—and this is how. Without changing or compromise or 'uniting' except in a unity of goal. It will take a lot more people and money, it will take a lot of planning, some martyrs and some heartaches—but it can be done. And what we have right now is enough to start with, if we just use it more efficiently."

Ask any CIM missionary or board member what such a clearinghouse and over-all information center to fall back on would have meant at their time of bewilderment over relocation problems. And that will not be the last one. Consider our shameful slowness in filling the sudden vacuums in Japan, Ethiopia, Vietnam and Korea, simply because there was no common pool to draw from. May it please God those will not be the last such opportunities!

I have made no mention of financing. This is the kind of thing that would appeal to business men of competent bank accounts. There are new Christians who are not conditioned to the hit-and-miss, leisurely-let-the-ladies-do-it, dime-in-the-collection kind of giving. They could start out right!

I cannot close without quoting one more incident from the *Reader's Digest* article. When Charles F. Kettering was working on the problem of a self starter for cars there were the usual number of physicists who called his attention to the fact that he was using more current through the wires than the established formulas allowed. Says Mr. Kettering, "I wasn't interested in the formulas, I was just interested in starting a car."

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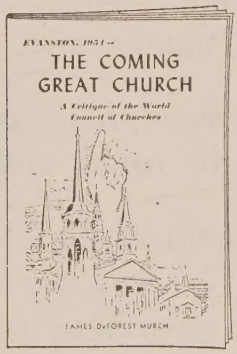

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